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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Summer 2013 Wesleyan Magazine! As we look forward to the official launch of our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in the fall, now is a good time to look back at the achievements of some amazing Wesleyan Women who have excelled in the field of medicine. We have come a long way since the days of Mary McKay, Class of 1878, who graduated from medical school only to return to Macon and find that she could not be licensed to practice her profession in Bibb County. We are proud of all these women – from our earliest days through the present – and are delighted to share their stories with you.


The following pages also should give you a sense of the extraordinary level of activity we have witnessed on campus this spring – and the excitement that activity has generated. STUNT is a given, of course, and this year's productions (our 117th) were terrific. A new addition to our schedule was the grand opening of Wesleyan's Confucius Institute in early April. The extravaganza included speeches by Hanban Director General Madame Xu Lin and other Chinese dignitaries along with colorful performances by Guangzhou University students, who danced and sang in traditional costumes. This celebration marks the beginning of what will surely grow into a fruitful and productive partnership, and you'll want to read all about the festivities. Even better, plan a trip to campus soon and see the Institute's beautiful new home on the ground floor of Willet Library.

Later in April we gathered for one of the most fun-filled Alumnae Weekends in recent years. No one who attended the Annual Meeting will soon forget the sight of Annie Mays Larmore '28 on stage to celebrate her 85th class reunion, surely a first! Other highlights included

the celebration concert on Friday night featuring members of the "White House Wesleyannes" and a special archival tribute to Julia Munroe Woodward '34. Miss Julia is and always will be a legend at Wesleyan College and a personal heroine to many. We have included a special feature about Miss Julia in this issue.

Our celebration of commencement for the Class of 2013 also was memorable. This is a truly accomplished group of young women, with 65 percent of the class already having plans for employment or graduate school that will take them all over the U.S. and abroad. Read about their next steps and get to know this year's Five Faces – Marisa, Kayla, Sheila, Kendal, and Aditi. Commencement speaker Mary Schmich, a gifted writer and speaker, made a real connection with the graduates as she told stories about her mother, including her special relationships with Wesleyan friends, and then shared ten gems of wisdom she learned from her mother's life. Mary's speech was warm and deeply moving.

In many respects, every story in this issue reflects our ongoing commitment to build upon the strengths of Wesleyan College – our connection with the Soong Sisters, our history of excellence in the sciences, our dedication to service, our wonderful art collection, and our treasured traditions like STUNT and candlelighting. We ensure our future prosperity by building upon those strengths, the greatest of which are our uncommon collection of alumnae and the friendships we share. Thanks to you all for believing in and supporting Wesleyan College and our students today. Hail, Wesleyan!



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Wesleyan Woman, M.D.

- ☒ *Devoted*
- ☒ *Zealous*
- ☒ *Benevolent*
- ☒ *Intelligent*
- ☒ *Compassionate*



"I was raised to believe that gender should never be a hindrance in achieving my full potential. Being an outstanding women's institution, Wesleyan gave me the background to proceed into the professional world with confidence."

- Ihunanya Mbata '06

From its beginning in 1836 as the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, Wesleyan College has emphasized the sciences as part of its strong academic curriculum, with the College's first students studying botany, chemistry, astronomy, physiology, and geology. Not surprisingly, the first woman in the State of Georgia to earn a doctor of medicine degree was a Wesleyanne. Mary Eliza McKay graduated from Wesleyan in 1878 and later from Women's Medical College of Baltimore. Wesleyan women in medicine have served with distinction in urban hospitals, private practices, academic research labs, and rural clinics in places like Zimbabwe. Indeed, they have served wherever the need has called them. Though diverse in age and specialty, these exceptional Wesleyan women share a passion for medicine and a dedication for helping others. As Washington, D.C., anesthesiologist and third generation Wesleyanne Eileen Begin '80 said, "I love being able to focus my attention on one patient at a time and give them my full attention, knowing that I've done the best job I can in taking care of that one patient during the brief time we have together."

According to great-great grandson John Sheftall, the Reverend William and Maria Mann McKay brought Mary and her siblings to America from Manchester, England, in 1867 and eventually settled in Macon. When Mary graduated from medical school in Baltimore, she moved back to Macon with plans to establish her own medical practice. Because she was a woman, however, Macon and Bibb County refused to issue her a license to practice medicine. Intent on using her fine education and training to help others, she accepted an offer to "administer healthcare" at a clinic in Bibb Manufacturing's mill. Years later, Mary was finally issued a medical license and, according to her 1934 obituary in *The (Macon) Telegraph*, became the second woman to practice medicine in Macon. She was also one of the first female members of the Medical Association of Georgia. Sara Branham Matthews, Class of 1907, is credited

with the discovery and isolation of the virus that causes spinal meningitis. An article about her entitled "Georgia-Born Woman Doctor Uncovers Cure for the Dread Germ of Meningitis" in the March 6, 1939, *Atlanta Constitution* shouted, "She killed millions of killers!" Calling Sara a "mighty microbe hunter," the article's author explained how Sara combined a serum she had made with a newly effective drug called sulfanilamide that had recently been found to cure other illnesses. Together, her serum and sulfanilamide effectively treated bacterial meningitis. A derivative of her original serum is still used today. Sara earned a second bachelor of science degree in zoology and chemistry in 1919 and developed a consuming interest in medical research. Realizing she needed additional education to achieve her goals, she went on to earn a master of science degree, a Ph.D. in bacteriology, and a doctor of medicine degree, all with honors, from the University of Chicago.

As a United States Public Health Service scientist, Sara, a third generation Wesleyanne, became nationally known for her studies in the field of infectious diseases and is considered one of the "grand ladies of microbiology." In 1928, when Sara was forty years old, she was appointed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, to study pathogens and investigate causes and cures for influenza. Soon she was also investigating salmonella, shigella, and diphtheria toxins and became an expert on the chemotherapy of bacterial meningitis. Sara became principal bacteriologist at NIH in 1950 and served as Chief of the Section on Bacterial Toxins in the Division of Biological Standards until her retirement in 1958.

Wesleyan women have continued on the pioneering path set by the College's first graduates who went on to earn their degrees in the field of medicine. In fact, students like Linda "Jill" Kosobucki Moore '93, an owner in a multi-specialty physician's group in Columbus, Georgia, chose to attend Wesleyan primarily because of



Laura Taylor Pridemore '87



Ihunanya Mbata '06

at the Botswana-Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership. "My work in Haiti and Botswana made me cognizant of the need for tailored economic analysis, political will, and targeted capacity building to improve healthcare in underserved communities," Ihunanya said. The following year, she decided to earn a joint master's degree in health policy, planning, and financing at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Economics. Convinced that effective health policies should be rooted in clinical practice and research, she chose to train in internal medicine for her residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian/Montefiore Hospital. From a clinical standpoint, Ihunanya is still debating between specializing in gastroenterology or becoming a general internist. Her ultimate goal is to use her clinical and health policy expertise to address critical issues of population health and adapt health systems to promote the well-being of the disadvantaged both in the U.S. and overseas.

Ihunanya's Purple Knight classmate Sylvia Gonsahn-Bollie '06 completed several internships while at Wesleyan, including the Summer Medical Institute (formerly MMEP-Minority Medical Education Program) at Duke University. Sylvia said this early exposure solidified

her desire to pursue a career in clinical medicine. Consequently, she completed two additional internships at the Environmental Protection Agency and worked at a cardiology office in Macon. Sylvia has just finished her final year of internal medicine training at George Washington University Hospital, and next year she will serve as chief medical resident. She said, "After completing my chief year I plan to remain in academic medicine as a clinical educator, seeing patients and teaching students and residents. My research will focus on the efficacy of faith-based health programs. Eventually, I would like to teach and practice in Liberia, West Africa, my parents' and husband's homeland."

In January 2013, Crisp Regional Hospital emergency room physician Sheila Sue Taylor Southerland '91 was attending a basketball game at her daughter's high school. When a player collapsed, Sheila was called to the floor to assist the fifteen-year-old boy who was not breathing and had no pulse. Sheila said she performed about thirty compressions of hands-only CPR before the boy's heart began beating again. A few days later he had surgery at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, where doctors told the boy's parents that Sheila's expert initial action had saved their son's life.

From the late 1800s through the present day, Wesleyan women have taken pioneering roles in the field of medicine. For example, Bonnie Slovis '66, who at the age of forty entered Emory University School of Medicine, is today "living her dream" serving as associate professor of medicine and director of four different centers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Meredith "Gay" Garrett '87 specializes in advanced laparoscopic and biopsy surgery and breast ultrasound at Foxhall Surgical Associates in Washington, D.C. Sisters Nita '99 and Namita '03 Mohanty graduated from Wesleyan just four years apart and then graduated from Mercer University School of Medicine. Today, Nita is a pediatrician in Chicago and Namita is assistant professor of internal medicine at Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta. Kelly Jones '04 is completing a clinical genetics fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle. Echoing the words of many Wesleyan M.D.s, Emory University pediatrician Brittany Wilson '03 said, "I love the patients. I love listening to their thoughts and being involved in their lives. My passion is providing good patient care, educating parents, and squeezing my adorable patients."

Cristiana Baloescu '09

On to Yale, via Wesleyan and Dartmouth

In her Five Faces of 2009 biography (*Wesleyan Magazine*, summer 2009), Cristiana Baloescu said her proudest accomplishment to date was being accepted to Dartmouth Medical School (now Geisel School of Medicine). She also stated an internship at the Medical Center of Central Georgia Emergency Center in Macon sparked her interest in the specialized field of emergency medicine. "The fast pace and swift decision making, as well as being able to immediately see the results of your work in the recovery of the patient, are what attracts me to emergency medicine," she said.

Four years later, Cristiana would likely say her proudest accomplishment to date is graduating from Geisel School of Medicine - or maybe being accepted to the residency program at Yale New Haven Hospital for Emergency Medicine, her first-choice match - but her plan to serve in the field of emergency medicine has remained the same.

"I will indeed specialize in emergency medicine," she said. "I like the immediate gratification of making a diagnosis. The broad scope of the practice is intellectually fulfilling to me, and I particularly prize the opportunity to make that tangible difference in a crucial moment in the life of my patients. I also enjoy the team effort in stabilizing, diagnosing, and treating acutely ill patients." Within the field of emergency medicine, Cristiana is particularly interested in the applications and uses of ultrasound as well as international medicine efforts and is considering ways to combine these interests to start a project in her native Romania.

Cristiana credits the numerous leadership opportunities she had at Wesleyan for giving her the confidence and abilities to become involved in leadership efforts at Dartmouth, where she and a classmate initiated a project to improve nutritional choices for people using the Upper Valley Haven Food Shelf. The Food Shelf provides a week's supply of healthful groceries once a month to anyone in need, plus unlimited access to bread and produce. She was also instrumental in reviving the Emergency Medicine interest group at Geisel School of Medicine and organized a diabetes education night at the local free clinic. As part of the Dartmouth International Health Group student leadership, Cristiana participated in a grant/scholarship evaluation process for students applying for funding for projects abroad.

"The educational environment at Wesleyan gave me the freedom of thought and the knowledge base to tackle all the basic science courses in my first year of medical school, as well as the case discussions during my second year. Histology (the branch of biology that involves the microscopic study of animal and plant tissue) was so much easier after taking Dr. Boettger-Tong's class. I essentially did not need to study new material. Biochemistry was also easier after memorizing the citric acid pathway and glycolysis in Dr. Schroeder's (Wanda Schroeder '80) class. Dr. Rhoades taught me everything about action potentials. This list could continue on and on," she said. Cristiana says her Geisel school administration, professors, and staff are dedicated to teaching, but they also try to get to know each and every student.

Time, dedication, and talent have propelled Cristiana through the difficult parts of medical school, and she will spend the next four years doing what she loves best. "Medicine is both an art and science," she said. "I am always astonished by the privilege of being trusted with something as precious as a person's life."



COURTNEY MITCHELL '07

Keeping with the spirit of medicine

As a medical student, Lauren Courtney Mitchell '07 made a silent vow to herself.

"By the time I stumbled onto the wards, two years of endless exams and assessments had made me quite proficient at matter-of-factly [severing] myself from the emotional content of life," she wrote in an essay, "Reflections of a Medical Student." "I had vowed never to let anything about medical school bring me to tears; nothing, I was convinced, could ever affect me so personally."

But one of her first cancer patients, an ex-Marine who was more interested in sharing his life stories than talking about what tests his medical team should order, made her realize that she would no doubt break her vow.

"(He taught me that) patients are far more than static characters in hospital gowns to whom we attach diagnoses; they laugh, love, work and play, and disease first manifests itself by interfering with this dynamic," she wrote. "Any illness, then, is a process, and to fully understand its pathophysiology, a medical student must join the patient in reconciling that process with his or her particular life story. That is precisely what (he) taught me to do. He shared anecdotal wisdom from his high school principalship with me; I explained chemotherapy to him."

"Courtney's humanism and compassion are exemplary," wrote Dr. Teresa Coleman, assistant professor of medicine at Georgia Health Sciences University's (GHSU) Medical College of Georgia. "When the patient relapsed, the family contacted me, searching for Courtney. I passed along the message. Many months later, I learned that Courtney was at the patient's bedside when he died, in his hometown, approximately five hours away from Augusta."

It is Courtney's compassion, sensitivity, and selflessness that earned her GHSU's 2011 John F. Beard Award for Compassionate Care. She received the award and her medical degree during commencement May 5, 2011, at the tender age of twenty-one. The \$25,000 annual award is endowed by William Porter "Billy" Payne and his wife, Martha, and given to a graduating GHSU student who exemplifies extraordinary compassion in healthcare.

Payne, chairman of the Augusta National Golf Club, established the award in 1998 to memorialize his father-in-law, who died of cancer in 1997. Courtney already had received the prestigious Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, voted on by the faculty for exemplifying outstanding humanism in medicine, and the Physician's Physician Award, voted by her classmates as the person they would most like to have as their own physician. She is the first student ever to win all three awards.

Courtney began tutoring classmates in her first year of medical school and continued into her second year, helping first-year students in histology, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, and neuroscience. She also served on the Miracle Marathon, Morale and Family Relations Committee, where she coordinated contact with the families of chronically ill children and recruited them for an annual evening fundraiser for the hospital.

Connecting with families was familiar territory for Courtney. During her hematology/oncology rotation, she spent evenings with a patient after her chemotherapy sessions making crafts for the woman's three children. She even went to a local market with the patient's grandmother for ingredients to make a special smoothie because her patient loved fruit.

Courtney was only fifteen years old in the fall of 2005 when she came to Wesleyan College as a junior and joined the Golden Heart Class of 2007. She had spent the first two years of her "slightly off-the-beaten-path" college experience at the Georgia Academy of Math, Engineering, and Sciences and completed an associate's degree in chemistry before graduating from high school. Majoring in chemistry at Wesleyan, Courtney did her honors thesis research with Dr. Wanda Schroeder '80 in cell biology. "Courtney is a brilliant student and one of the nicest people with whom I've had the privilege to work. She is highly motivated, meticulous, and extremely careful in her research work," said Dr. Schroeder.

Courtney said that Reverend Hurdle played a tremendous role in her academic and spiritual formation. During her time as a Wesleyan Disciple, the two worked

closely together preparing chapel services and organizing STUNT weekend worship. "Having little chats in his office about our faith helped me to see school and everyday life with an eternal perspective. Reverend Hurdle truly taught me to enjoy the little blessings of each day," she said. In 2011, Courtney learned that a student who shared her name was serving as a Wesleyan Disciple. She was inspired to make a donation to the scholarship program in the student's honor.

Having a mother who was also an elementary science teacher sparked in Courtney an early interest in biology and scientific inquiry. When Courtney was ten years old, her father was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a neuromuscular disease, and his condition required frequent trips to neurologists and surgeons. Courtney claims that beyond the exacting nature of medicine, she was most impressed by its art-in-practice—the great opportunities physicians have to speak Christ-centered encouragements to families during such difficult times. "It was at that point that I prayerfully set my focus on becoming a doctor, and God has so graciously given me the opportunity to live this childhood dream. How truly blessed I am!"

Courtney will complete residency training in general pediatrics in the spring of 2014. Rather than specializing in one area of pediatrics, her interest is in treating the whole child and establishing lasting clinical alliances and, in turn, friendships with young families. Post residency, she plans to join a South Georgia practice that balances what she calls the best of both worlds, "the unpredictability of hospitalist call with the continuity-of-care that medical practice in the outpatient clinic affords."

Working around her hectic schedule of being a doctor and a tutor, Courtney finds time to develop her spiritual and personal life, and in August she will marry Andy Miller, pastor at Victory Baptist Church in Vidalia. "I've finally learned to make myself drop the books for a while on days off and enjoy what really matters—spending time in awe and worship of our God and with family and friends."

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In Their

Name: Carla Frances DuBose Kalec '57, M.D.

What brought you to Wesleyan? I was considering a couple of colleges, but my cousin (Joann Copeland Chapple '56) was already a freshman at Wesleyan and she suggested I come check it out. I liked Wesleyan, applied, and was accepted while I was in my junior year of high school.

What was your Wesleyan major? I was a pre-med major at Wesleyan, and art history was my minor. I am glad I didn't just stick to the sciences, but broadened my education with other disciplines that Wesleyan had to offer.

When did you know you wanted to become a physician? I honestly don't remember when I decided to become a doctor. I was interested in medicine, but thought I could perhaps become a medical technician. I didn't know any female physicians. The only other physician in my family was an MD on my mother's side of the family, in England in the 1700's.

During my junior year at Wesleyan I decided I would apply to medical school. I took the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) when it was given at Mercer, and was the only girl taking the test that day. I wanted to apply at Duke, but it was too expensive, so I applied to Bowman Gray, Emory, and the Medical College of South Carolina. When I was a senior at Wesleyan I had my interview at Bowman Gray, then Emory, and neither seemed interested in admitting a female. I hadn't heard from the Medical College of South Carolina at

all. I decided I had better plan for a career. I heard about a job in cancer research at Sloan Kettering in Birmingham, Alabama. I applied and went for an interview. They hired me, so I went back to Wesleyan to finish my senior year, expecting to go to Birmingham after graduation. Then I received a call from the Medical College of South Carolina requesting an interview. They told me not to get my hopes up because they had already chosen eighty percent of the class. One week later they called and welcomed me to the entering class of 1957. I cancelled my Alabama job and went to Charleston. I earned my M.D. in 1961 and the rest is history.

Were there other women in your class?

There were eighty members in my medical school class and six of us were girls, a first for the medical school since they had only ever had two girls in a class. They indicated that in their experience half the females in a class dropped out, so they expected that three of us would not finish. To their surprise, all six of us finished. At the end of the first year of medical school I went home for the summer and waited for a letter saying whether I passed or failed my first year. The letter finally came and I made my father open it. It read "Congratulations!"

Where did you do your residency?

Tampa, Florida. I applied only to Tampa General Hospital (TGH). I was one of six who matched with TGH that year. After the internship, I received a surgical residency

at TGH and was the **FIRST** female ever to be given a surgical residency there. I requested OB/GYN and was accepted. I was the **FIRST** and only female OB/GYN resident at Tampa General. After completing my training at TGH I went into private practice (1965), and was the **FIRST** female to practice OB/GYN in Hillsborough County. During my first years I saw patients who hadn't seen a physician in as many as twenty-five years because they only wanted to see a female. I delivered about 3,000 babies during my career and did a lot of surgery.

What has been your most gratifying experience as a doctor? One of the biggest rewards of practicing obstetrics is to see the joy on a woman's face as she sees her newborn for the first time. Also, to meet someone in the grocery store and have her ask, "Do you remember me? You delivered my baby forty years ago."

In 1974, twenty-six physicians and I decided to build a hospital just for women. We bought the land, built the hospital, and ran it ourselves until we sold it to Humana. In 1993, St. Joseph's Hospital bought it from Humana and renamed it St. Joseph's Women's Hospital. Today, it is the premier hospital in Tampa! It is also the only free-standing women's hospital. I continue to serve there as a volunteer.

OWN words.

Name: Kathleen E. Walsh '76, M.D.

What brought you to Wesleyan?

I decided to attend Wesleyan for a couple of reasons. I was bored with high school, so I left early. At that time, many freshmen were accepted after their junior year in high school. I liked the idea of earning college credit. Since I was attending college early, I thought Wesleyan's small size would be the best environment for me.

When did you know you wanted to become a physician?

I wanted to be a physician from my teen years. My father was a cardiologist and my brother is a general surgeon.

Where did you go to medical school?

Tulane Medical School. I also did a surgery internship at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in New Orleans.

Where did you do your residency?

I spent five years in a urology residency at Tulane and its affiliated hospitals in New Orleans. We also had four-month rotations and were sent to Alexandria, Louisiana, to work at Charity Hospital and the V.A. Hospital there.

Why did you choose urology?

Because I found it fascinating. At that time, urology was one of the most rapidly changing fields in medicine. We were using scopes to operate versus open surgery. At the time, I didn't think anything about being a woman in urology. However, I was a rarity. I was the **FIRST** woman to do a urology residency in the state of Louisiana and one

of only fifty female urologists in the world. Who knew!

Has being a woman affected your career either positively or negatively?

I feel being a woman urologist or surgeon 25 to 30 years ago was a hindrance to achieving certain professional goals. I did experience a lot of discrimination in the beginning. Some male patients didn't like the idea of a woman doctor. When I went into private practice, there were many middle aged or older physicians who would not refer patients to a woman. Eventually my practice was 40 to 50 percent male. I was able to see the acceptance of women as practicing physicians during my career. I think some discrimination or difficulties still exist for female physicians. However, the situation has improved dramatically.

How did you balance the strenuous time demands on a physician with your family life?

Juggling family and work was difficult. My husband started medical school the year I finished. We would meet between 6:30 and 7:00 many mornings and that would be the only time we would see each other all day!

We started our family after I finished my residency and while my husband was still in his residency. We would pass the babies off at one of the hospitals early in the morning on weekends when one parent had finished rounds and the other parent was starting rounds.

Eventually, I went into solo practice so I could arrange my schedule around school, soccer, baseball etc. I would get up between 4 and 4:30 am and jog, take the kids to school, go to work, get home about 6 pm, and cook dinner. Then I'd read or sing to the kids, put them to bed and go back to work after they fell asleep. It's hard to keep family together as a physician, but I think urology afforded a better lifestyle than general surgery.

What has been your most gratifying experience as a doctor?

Helping people in need; extending a helping hand. It has also been a privilege to have people trust me with their lives! It is amazing how a person will entrust another person with their biggest fears and allow them to enter their lives spiritually as well as physically.

Volunteer work/community service.

I have done a fair amount of volunteer work at clinics and hospitals. I also made about ten medical missionary trips to Nicaragua. The poverty and lack of quality healthcare there is stunning. Unfortunately, those trips ended my medical career. I contracted heavy metal poisoning which turned into a rare medical condition that has drastically affected my life. I do miss providing that main ingredient in life: hope. To provide the hope people need in their lives fueled my desire for volunteer work.

Angels with stethoscopes

Perhaps no other profession offers the opportunity to make such a profound difference in the lives of people who truly need and appreciate it than does nursing. Nurses contribute greatly to the success and stability of healthcare institutions and to the mental and physical well-being of their patients. Nurses give not only their book knowledge but also a piece of their hearts to patients in their care. Nurses have been referred to as the angels you see when you survive. The profession of nursing requires people to be as smart as a doctor, as patient as a mother, and as compassionate as a friend.

Pierce Scholar Dawn Sapp Taylor '78 wanted to be a nurse from the time she was a little girl. She graduated from Wesleyan with a double major in biology and psychology, which she says was the perfect combination for nursing school and a career in nursing. However, it was a dozen years after leaving Wesleyan before Dawn enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Valdosta State College (now Valdosta State University). Dawn worked as a probation officer from 1979 until 1990. "I began to feel that the job I was doing was of no benefit to anyone. That's when I truly felt a calling to fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse," Dawn said. "As a nurse I have been rewarded time and time again with being able to see the difference I have made in someone's life, and I continue to learn on a daily basis."

Since becoming a nurse, Dawn has advanced her career doing work she loves and feels is important. In 1997, she became the patient education coordinator at South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC) in Valdosta and a certified diabetes educator in 1999. In 2000 SGMC opened an outpatient Diabetes Management Center with two employees – Dawn and a registered dietitian. Today Dawn is nurse manager at the Center and oversees a total of fifteen employees who serve more than 200 patients a week.

Like Dawn, Megan Temple '02 knew from childhood she wanted to be a nurse. Her grandmother was a nurse and Megan developed an early interest in healthcare. "As a child I would care for my dolls and put Band Aids on them," she said. Megan chose Gordon College for nursing school partially because its traditional style of

teaching was similar to Wesleyan's. "At Wesleyan a student knows her professors and can ask questions. Nursing school is very different from other programs because of the clinicals and skill labs and such. My colleagues who studied nursing in computer-led programs were not as prepared to enter the fast-paced and ever-changing world of medicine," she said. Megan, daughter of Ina Davis Temple '68, earned her Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) in 2007. Today she serves as a travel nurse for HealthSource Global Staffing.

Many states throughout the country, including Georgia, are experiencing a significant nursing shortage. While the supply of registered nurses across the state has remained fairly stable, the demand for healthcare services has been rising rapidly. In response to this critical statewide demand for qualified registered nurses, Wesleyan College has developed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (BSN) with nursing courses to begin fall semester 2013. Each year, the College will admit one cohort of students to the nursing program. A close and consistent connection between class content and hands-on clinical experience will be an important aspect of Wesleyan's BSN. Students will be prepared for leadership and practice in the role of professional nurse in a variety of healthcare settings and specialties.

In developing the program, Wesleyan consulted many highly qualified professionals including Connie Averett '84, who earned her BSN from Georgia College & State University in 2003. As the nurse clinical manager for Pediatric Services of America Medically Fragile Day Treatment Center in Macon, Connie has seen many children progress as a direct result of skilled nursing interventions. "Nurses have a vast role that encompasses leadership and lifelong learning - two things Wesleyan has long embraced," she said. Connie is also a certified nurse life care planner and is furthering her education to become a family nurse practitioner with the goal of teaching nursing.

Anne Shirah Dykes '78 knows from experience that the national nursing shortage has been a problem for decades

and is proud that Wesleyan is taking steps to help alleviate this problem. Anne says her years at Wesleyan and her BSN from Emory's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing have provided a wonderful career and great employment opportunities. They also prepared her for successfully earning a masters in nursing degree as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS). Anne was a CNS at St. Joseph's/Candler Health System in Savannah in 2004 when she was selected as the National Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year by the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Today she serves as the director of quality services and risk manager at Monroe County Hospital in Monroeville, Alabama.

Dozens of Wesleyan women have earned their nursing degrees at institutions all over the world, and most would have valued the option of earning their degrees at Wesleyan. Natalie R. Lyder '05, for example, earned her BSN from Macon State College (now Middle Georgia State College) in 2012 and said, "If I'd had the opportunity to earn my BSN from Wesleyan, I would not have thought twice about it. I would have graduated knowing that I was well-equipped to tackle the nursing profession." Natalie feels the BSN degree is essential for women entering the nursing profession because most large accredited hospitals now require a BSN to work as an RN. As a result, many ADN nurses are being forced to earn a BSN in order to keep their jobs. "The BSN also provides a broader perspective on nursing because it combines practical and leadership/managerial aspects of nursing. I would encourage earning a BSN because it is a stepping-stone to graduate studies, which can open other opportunities as an advanced practice nurse," Natalie said.

The first cohort of Wesleyan nurses will graduate in 2015. That is good news for Dawn Taylor, who requires the BSN for all the nurses she hires at the Diabetes Management Center. "Nursing is a fulfilling and rewarding career. It is also difficult, demanding, and heartbreaking. For me, knowing I have made someone's life a little easier, regardless of the ultimate outcome, makes it all worthwhile," she said.



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"Miss Julia"

A GRAND AND GRACIOUS LADY WHOSE JOYFUL SPIRIT AND ENDURING LEGACY AS A TRUE, FAITHFUL, AND LOYAL ALUMNA, DEDICATED TRUSTEE, AND GENEROUS BENEFACTOR WILL BE INSCRIBED IN THE HEARTS OF WESLEYANNES FOREVER.

JULY 8, 1914 - DECEMBER 9, 2012

In the pantheon of Wesleyan alumnae, perhaps no one is more beloved than Julia Temple Munroe Woodward '34. Certainly Wesleyan has been blessed with a history of loyal alumnae and generous benefactors, but "Miss Julia" occupies a place all her own.

Julia Munroe, the daughter of Mary Frances Gray Munroe and Mark W. "Mr. Pat" Munroe, a Quincy, Florida, banker, was 16 years old when she arrived on Wesleyan's campus in the fall of 1930. During high school, Julia attended summer school so she could graduate early and enter Wesleyan with her older sister, Mary Gray. They were followed the next year by sister Margaret, and all three girls enjoyed a college experience that would make them loyal alumnae for the rest of their lives. Julia Munroe was a history major, but soon grew enamored of biology. She later recalled the first time she peered through a microscope and observed another world revealed through its lens. "I lit up like a Christmas tree!" She used all her elective courses to study science, an interest that would last a lifetime.

Shortly after graduation, Julia returned to Quincy, marrying Robert D. Woodward the next year. As their young family grew, Julia began the enthusiastic recruitment of local girls for her beloved alma mater. In 1948 Julia was recruited to serve as chair of the North Florida area for the Second Century Fund campaign. Launched by Wesleyan President Dr. Silas Johnson, the campaign's goal was to build the College's endowment. At the time Julia wrote, "Wesleyan took good care of me during my tender, most impressionable years," and she was determined to help secure a firm financial foundation for the College. Dr. Johnson was so impressed by Julia's execution of her duties as chair that in 1950 he asked her to serve on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, a position she held for the next 34 years. She went on to serve as Trustee Emerita for another 26 years.

Julia never wavered in her enthusiasm for promoting Wesleyan. In 1974, for example, she issued a challenge to alumnae and parents of students that resulted in 626 new or increased gifts to the College. Her talent for recruiting

students to Wesleyan became evident even earlier, and that remarkable gift has become her legacy. Three of her four daughters followed in her footsteps as Wesleyannes, but Julia spread the word far beyond her own family. For many years, it was said that if Julia's car was headed north, then she was most likely bound for Wesleyan with prospective students in tow. Described as a "one-woman admission office," she spoke of Wesleyan to girls in her church, members of her Girl Scout troop, the daughters of her friends, and the friends of her daughters. Over the years, Miss Julia's Girls, as these recruits were called, came to number in the hundreds and span the decades. Some came at her urging, paying their own way, and others she enabled to come by providing financial assistance.

Wesleyan Board of Trustee member Glennda Kingry Elliott '65, has been a friend of Miss Julia and her family since the age of 11 and remembers spending many nights at the Woodward home. While Glennda was accustomed to hearing Miss Julia talk about Wesleyan,



Miss Julia's girls and their mothers were often guests in Miss Julia's home.

she recalls thinking that there was no way she would ever go to a "girls' school." But when Miss Julia took her to Wesleyan for STUNT during her tenth grade year, Glennda was hooked. Now she says, "Miss Julia and Wesleyan changed my life and gave me the education, leadership skills, and maturity that shaped my life. She saw to it that I got through school financially and encouraged me all the way."

Deborah "Quincy" Gardner Green '74 was in Miss Julia's Girl Scout troop and remembers that, when she was unsure of what college to attend, Miss Julia was a cheerleader for Wesleyan. "She kept up with me while I was at Wesleyan and afterwards. She greeted everyone with open arms, her famous smile, and her enthusiasm. She was tickled to know my nickname at Wesleyan was 'Quincy.'"

Lynn Lasseter Prater '87 knew Miss Julia through the local Presbyterian church and through scouting. She has a special memory of Miss Julia's hosting a camping trip at her farm. That evening some of Miss Julia's horses escaped. To the girls in their tents lit only by flashlights, the horses looked like monsters. "Miss Julia got a kick out of how scared we all were!" she recalls. Lynn remembers how Miss Julia loved to visit her when she was in town for Board meetings or other campus events. "She would come by

my room and often brought a 'surprise.' She was great about sending mail and made a point to recognize my Wesleyan accomplishments."

Beth Kargel '91 was a classmate of Miss Julia's grandson and was actually introduced to Wesleyan by Miss Julia's daughter, Judy Woodward Gregory '63. Miss Julia provided the scholarship assistance that made Beth's Wesleyan education possible. Beth said Miss Julia once wrote a personal check so that she could attend May term instead of returning home. Beth remembers a special time she spent with Miss Julia in April of 1991. "Miss Julia and I shared an intimate morning together the day she lit my candle as I said the Benson Charge for the first time. She told me stories of her time at Wesleyan and said I was the first Quincy Girl to ask her to serve as Candlelighter. I was so lucky that she grew to be more than just my benefactor and that I was able to keep in touch with her through the years after Wesleyan. Her abundant, generous, and loving spirit was contagious." Like so many others, Beth always remembers Miss Julia's ready laugh.

Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97, another Wesleyanne whose education was made possible by scholarship assistance from Miss Julia, has warm memories of seeing her on campus. "She would make a point

of introducing me to her friends as one of her 'Quincy Girls,' and I would swell with pride. Being a Quincy Girl always made me feel like an honorary member of Miss Julia's family." Suzanne asked Miss Julia to be her Candlelighter and remembers the energy and enthusiasm she displayed that day. Suzanne presented her with a desk clock as thanks for making her an official Wesleyan alumna. "The next time I visited, Miss Julia made a point to take me to her bedroom and show me that she had put the clock on her bedside table. I was beyond touched." A high point for Suzanne was when she introduced her fiancé (now husband) to Miss Julia. "I was so happy that she approved and adored him. It ranked right up there with getting my parents' blessing. We both left that night with Miss Julia's lipstick kisses on our cheeks."

Suzanne echoes the sentiments of so many when she says, "I would not be who or where I am today if it were not for Wesleyan, and I would never have had that opportunity were it not for Miss Julia. Not a day goes by that I don't think of her and give thanks to her."

Glennda, Deborah, Lynn, Beth, and Suzanne are representative of the scores of women who were Miss Julia's Girls, women whose lives were changed and who are themselves now changing lives because of the influence of their beloved mentor.

If her contribution to the College had only been Miss Julia's Girls, hers would be a legacy unmatched in Wesleyan history. However, her commitment year after year to the recruitment of new students and to their scholarship support is only part of the story. Miss Julia championed a seemingly endless number of other Wesleyan causes. In 1963, when she and her extended family first established an endowed fund, she wrote: "We know that big oaks from little acorns grow, and therefore in faith we will start the fund, hoping through the years to be able to increase it to adequate size." Those little acorns grew indeed, with Munroe funds now providing for two endowed teaching chairs, the Munroe Scholars Endowment for scholarships and research stipends, and the lead gift for the Munroe Science Center.

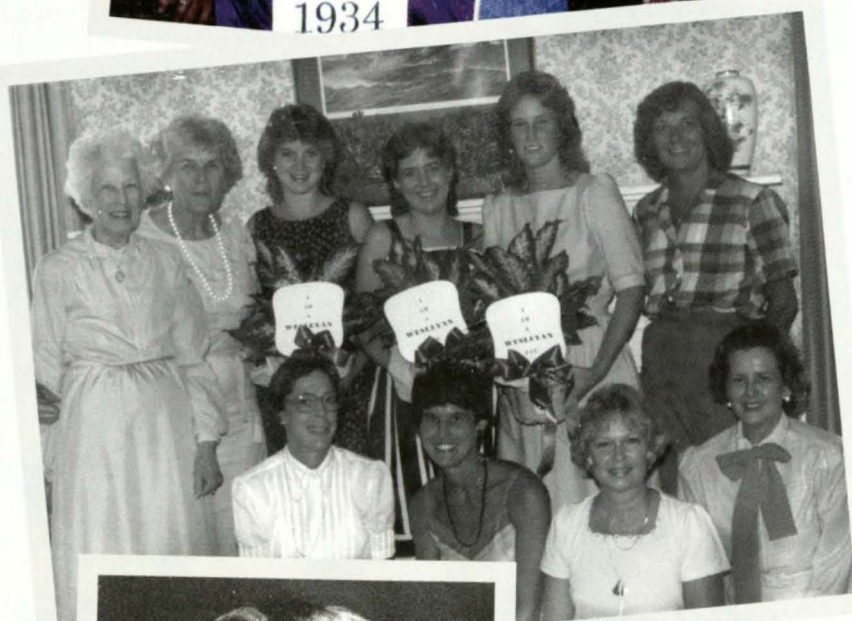
In addition, Miss Julia generously supported projects begun by others, such as the Summer Leadership Institute. She was also a major donor for the new Pierce Chapel. Her love for Wesleyan knew no bounds, and her interests were wide-ranging.

Among her greatest gifts to Wesleyan are her three daughters who became alumnae: Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60, Judy Woodward Gregory '63, and Susan Woodward Walker '70. These women are loyal Wesleyannes who carry on their mother's devotion and service to their alma mater. Judy currently serves on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, and Susan is immediate Past President of Wesleyan's Alumnae Association.

Miss Julia was honored by Wesleyan's Alumnae Association with the award for Distinguished Service to the College (1974) and the Valeria McCullough Murphey Award (1999). Wesleyan awarded her the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1984. In 1994, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of her graduation, she was honored with a party attended by dozens of Miss Julia's Girls. On that occasion, the Coca-Cola Foundation made a significant gift to the College in Miss Julia's honor for scholarship support for students from the Gadsden County area. In a note thanking the College for the event, she refused to acknowledge any exceptional achievement on her part. She wrote simply: "I've just been plugging away for the Wesleyan I love."

Miss Julia was the subject of several tributes during Alumnae Weekend in April this year, the theme of which was "Uncommon Women on Common Ground." In her remarks to the graduating seniors and alumnae at the Association's annual meeting, President Ruth Knox called Miss Julia "the most uncommon Wesleyan woman of them all" and posed the question: "Who will be our next Miss Julia?" The answer is, of course, that no one of us can take her place. She was indeed uncommon. But together we can continue to love Wesleyan and support Wesleyan with our time, our example, our gifts, our recruiting efforts, and our prayers. We can never replace Miss Julia, but we certainly can do our part to honor her legacy and to ensure that Wesleyan continues to stand for all that she held dear – First, Best, Always."

The Wesleyan College community expresses our enduring love, respect, and appreciation for Julia Temple Munroe Woodward and her remarkable life.



Top: Alumnae Weekend (2009) with Miss Julia with her three Wesleyanne daughters, Judy Woodward Gregory '63, Susan Woodward Walker '70, and Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60.

Above: Miss Julia hosted a group of Quincy girls in her home in August 1983 before the start of fall semester.

Left: Miss Julia, 1970

5 faces of 2013

Of the eighty-five 2013 graduates who earned the bachelor of arts degree at Wesleyan, 33% earned double majors, one earned a triple major, and 28% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2013 were: business administration, psychology, and biology. Roughly 65% of the graduates had secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement. According to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors, 100% who applied to graduate school programs were accepted, and all but one who were accepted got into their first choice program. An estimated 88% of those attending graduate school will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study such as molecular pharmacology, energy science and engineering, anthropology, creative writing, science education, and high school math. They're headed to prestigious graduate schools like Scripps Research Institute, Medical College of Georgia, the University of Alabama at Birmingham,

the University of Southern California, the University of Tennessee, and the New School in New York. Amanda Awanjo will enter the rhetoric, composition, writing studies Master's Program at Rutgers University. Ashley N. Jackson will attend the University of Southern California to pursue her masters in science education in urban areas. Brittany Appelboom earned a Howard Hughes Fellowship and will be working toward her PhD in genetics/genomics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dominique Bryan will study human resources and organizational development at the University of Louisville. Ashley Cameron will study law at Mercer University, and Faithe Day will attend the University of Michigan and work toward earning her PhD in communications.

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Double major combinations of 2013 graduates include: biology and chemistry, educational studies and music, English and political science,

psychology and theatre, and business administration and Spanish. Among those moving directly into the workforce, Turhonda Williams has accepted a position with a clinical psychologist at Coliseum Northside Hospital, and Meizi Li will move to China with the Teach for China organization. Two of this year's graduates will be entering the military for further training. Rebecca Navarre is enlisting in the Navy as an officer to study Navy nuclear engineering, and Elizabeth Robertson will enter Army officer training. A few of this year's graduates will delay graduate school and work to pursue internships and summer research programs. For example, Alexa Serrano is headed to New York as an editorial publishing intern, and Yi Wu will be interning at a bank in Shanghai. Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates with leadership skills and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet the five faces representing the Class of 2013...



A close-up portrait of Marisa Arnold, a young Black woman with voluminous, curly brown hair. She is smiling gently at the camera. She is wearing a halter-neck top with a colorful geometric pattern in shades of blue, red, and white. A small pearl earring is visible on her left ear. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a hint of a building.

Marisa **ARNOLD**

*"A Wesleyan woman
makes herself available
to help others."*

Marisa describes herself as a "girl from Savannah" who spent the last four years learning who she is and what she can achieve, a girl who proudly developed spiritually, mentally, and emotionally into the Wesleyan woman she is today. "What's unique about the Wesleyan experience is the availability of leadership opportunities and the traditions on campus. There are so many ways to challenge and better yourself it would be a waste not to go for it! I truly cherish the friendships and connections I've made with interesting, intelligent, and diverse women."

And go for it she did. Marisa welcomed the experiences Wesleyan offered and applied her extracurricular time to serving as Black Student Alliance president, Kappa Delta Epsilon treasurer, a WiSe Intern, and four years as Pirate class president. She was an SGA member, Wesleyan Disciple, Wesleyanne, Lane Center Servant Leader, Lead WAVE member, Orientation Leader,

Resident Advisor, CAB Public Events Chair, Bibb County Mentor, and STUNT and class soccer participant. Marisa earned the Mary Knox McNeill Scholarship as well as the Judith Newbern Endowed Scholarship, Louise Caldwell Arnall Scholarship, and Wesleyan Alumnae Association's Scholarship for Leadership award. She served as Summer Lead, participated in the 2012 Summer Leadership Institute, and was nominated for *Who's Who Among College Students in America*.

Marisa's friends describe the educational studies and music double major as professional, pleasant, driven, empathetic, goofy, loving, and genuine. Her favorite Wesleyan memory is the honor of speaking at 2012 Opening Convocation and challenging her classmates to "lead, follow, or get out of the way!"

Marisa was honored at Commencement with the College's annual Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for excellence in character,

leadership, service to the community, and commitment to spiritual values.

Marisa wholly believes that attending a women's college fostered her personal growth. "Women are dynamic and powerful," she said. "A women's college is the best place to explore and develop one's individual talents, gifts, intellect, and creativity in an atmosphere that embraces diversity, leadership, pride, strength, and understanding."

With plans to gain work experience before pursuing her master's degree in education, Marisa's ultimate goal is to own and operate a chain of day care centers. When she returns to Wesleyan for her ten-year reunion, Marisa plans to tell her classmates that she holds their friendships and memories near and dear and she hopes to tell them she is a career woman and a mother.

Sheila WALTON

"A Wesleyan woman is confident enough to succeed and clever enough to make her failures work in her favor."

Sheila is thankful for the many opportunities her Wesleyan College education afforded, like the individualized attention Wesleyan students experience in the classroom and through extracurricular activities, traditions like STUNT and the College's unique class system, and for the experience of being a Resident Advisor for three years. "Being an RA truly tested every facet of my personality for the best. I have been challenged in my organization, interpersonal and leadership skills, communication abilities, and perseverance," Sheila said.

She is also thankful for the human service management major. Sheila entered Wesleyan as a pre-med major, but during her sophomore year she discovered her passion was helping women and children who have been displaced by social injustices, so she switched her major to human service management.

Sheila held many leadership roles both on and off campus. She completed internships at the Goodwill Job Connection Center and Hephzibah Children's Home. In 2012, she attended Summer Leadership Institute and served as cross-country co-captain. Sheila was an SGA Pirate class senator, participated in STUNT, and held a work-study position in Wesleyan's Financial Aid Department.

Earning a double minor in business administration and neuroscience, Sheila was the recipient of scholarships that include the Ethel Moore Roberts, Walmart, and Lettie Pate Whitehead. Her honors include making the Dean's List, being voted SGA Senate Member of the Month, winning the Great South Athletic Conference Cross Country Sportsmanship award, and being included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. At Honors Day in April, Sheila was presented with the SGA Student Leadership Award.

In the fall, Sheila will join the AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Pacific Region Campus in Sacramento, California, for a ten-month program initiating community service projects that respond to natural disasters, the most pressing needs of infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. After completing her assignment with AmeriCorp, Sheila will choose between attending the University of Central Florida or The New School For Public Engagement in New York City to pursue a dual degree master's in nonprofit management and public administration.



Aditi DEY

*"A Wesleyan woman
never stops learning."*



Before she even stepped foot on the Wesleyan campus, Aditi personified her own definition of a Wesleyan woman. One of the primary reasons Aditi was attracted to Wesleyan was because of the reputation the College's graduates have for being accepted into the best advanced-degree programs at top rated schools across the country. Today Aditi is counted among these successful graduates. Her desire to learn earned her a triple major (biology, psychology, neuroscience), *magna cum laude*, and a 3.9 GPA. In the fall, Aditi will begin pursuing a doctor of medicine degree as well as a PhD in neuroscience at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) in Augusta. In the meantime, Aditi will spend her summer completing a neuroscience research program at MCG.

This Munroe Scholar said the College's strong biology and psychology departments also played a role in her decision to attend Wesleyan. "The excitement the science faculty have about their subject, their teaching, and their pride in representing Wesleyan

played a role in my decision. They have been extremely encouraging. I cannot imagine a larger school having multiple faculty members who support me to this extent and who take the time to know my strengths and weaknesses," Aditi said.

A self-proclaimed car fanatic and terrible cook, Aditi found plenty of ways to stay busy on campus. A student worker for the CIR, CRA, and IT departments, she also served as a member of WAVE and a STUNT participant, as president of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, treasurer of Splinter Athletic Honor Society, Evercare Hospice volunteer, and as a tutor at Stratford Academy and Wesleyan's Writing Center. For three years Aditi served as a research assistant in Dr. Rowan's comparative cognition lab and counts presenting research with fellow student Soniya Bastola '15 and Dr. James Rowan at the International Conference for Comparative Cognition among her favorite Wesleyan memories. Other research opportunities she enjoyed include being an

intern at Georgia Health Sciences University Summer Training and Research Program and at Mount Sinai Medical School Summer Undergraduate Research Program.

Included among her many honors and awards are being named Wesleyan Woman of Success, making Dean's List, and winning the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Academic Achievement award. As a member of the cross-country team, she won the Sportsmanship award and the All-Academic Conference award presented by the Great South Athletic Conference and served as co-captain for the cross-country team in 2010 and 2011.

Aditi believes that one of the most valuable things she learned at Wesleyan is how to push her mind outside of her comfort zone through educational challenges and running with the cross-country team. "I find myself much stronger and much more dedicated to my pursuits than I have ever been. Wesleyan has taught me how to overcome obstacles by engaging peers and mentors."



Kayla BUTLER

"A Wesleyan woman is always loyal to her colors."

Wesleyan first caught Kayla's eye at a college fair during her senior year of high school. She felt almost as if a force were pulling her to the Wesleyan table across the room. As introductions were made, Kayla discovered that the representatives were also alumnae. "This gave me a unique opportunity to hear not only what Wesleyan had to offer academically but also what it is like to be a Wesleyanne from first hand accounts," she said. It was there that Kayla met Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02, who invited her to meet some other alumnae at the home of Jody Bethea Riggs '88, which is where her journey to Wesleyan began.

Soon afterward, Kayla made her first visit to campus. "I like to say that Wesleyan chose me. At a very young age I had chosen the college I thought I wanted to attend and was all set to move after graduation. Then I visited Wesleyan and it felt like home. I knew this is where I belonged."

A political science/pre-law and international relations double major who

earned her bachelor's degree in just three years, Kayla was the recipient of several scholarships including Pierce Pioneer Leadership, Anne Hoyt Jolley, Lettie Pate Whitehead, R. A. Dillon, Wesleyan Disciples, and the 2012 Wesleyan Alumnae Scholarship for Leadership.

On an academic level, Kayla said Wesleyan challenged her every day to be the best student she could be and that the social environment at Wesleyan follows the same demanding yet lively spirit. "At Wesleyan, I came to find that sisterhood was my saving grace. Without each and every one of my friends I would not have grown to be the person I am today," she said.

Pursuing a multitude of extra-curricular activities, Kayla was a Wesleyan Disciple, serving as community service planning chair her second year, and participated in STUNT and class soccer. A three-year WAVE member, Kayla also served as the head orientation leader and summer conference assistant, was a member of Mortar Board, and served as head delegate for Model UN

fall of 2012. As chairwoman of Wesleyan College Republicans, Kayla was also a state officer acting as the Central Georgia regional director for The Georgia Associations of College Republicans, and worked as an intern for the office of Alumnae Affairs.

Kayla will study international maritime policy at the school of her choice. She is accepted into the PhD/JD program at the University of Delaware, Tulane, Samford, and several other excellent schools. After completing the five year program, she will serve eight years as a United States Naval JAG officer, practicing admiralty law. Ultimately Kayla would like to become a professor of International Law or International Relations and help other students in their academic pursuits. In the meantime, she plans to spend the summer enjoying family and friends before heading out on a road trip to Maine. In the meantime, she plans to spend the summer enjoying family and friends before taking a road trip to Maine.



Kendal **BINION**

*"A Wesleyan woman
never surrenders on
accomplishing her goals."*

Kendal entered Wesleyan with the intent on becoming a doctor. She quickly changed her mind, however, when she started volunteering as a hospital advocate with Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia. During her first semester on campus she discovered her true passion for sexual assault victim advocacy. She changed her major to psychology, began pouring her energy into researching rape myth stereotypes, and decided to dedicate her life to trauma therapy for sexual assault victims. In addition to earning a double degree in women's studies and psychology, *summa cum laude* and with a 3.9 GPA, Kendal logged more than 2,000 hours as a volunteer hospital advocate with Crisis Line and Safe House. She plans to take this long-time passion to graduate school and devote her life to helping women in crisis.

Kendal is well equipped to achieve her goals. She completed internships with Interactivity Foundation and with Dr. Deidra Donmoyer and served as a WISE peer mentor. She was a psychology research assistant to Dr. Brooke Bennett-Day and twice presented research at Southeastern Psychological Association, Marist College 21st Annual Women and Society Conference, and the Annual Women's Studies Symposium at Wesleyan College where she received the Best Paper award. She earned recognition on the President's and Dean's Lists and was a member of the honor societies Psi Chi (treasurer) and Pi Gamma Mu. Kendal earned HOPE, the Faculty Scholars Award, and the Dean's Scholarship as well as several named scholarships, including Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club, E. Monk Bryan, Loula E. Jones, Margaret Pitts Methodist, Clark & Ruby Baker, Louise Frederick Hays, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Wesleyan Disciples, and Class of 1961.

Kendal credits small classroom sizes, individual attention from faculty, and endless leadership opportunities as primary reasons she knew Wesleyan was her dream school after her first campus visit. Cultivating her interests and seizing opportunities, Kendal served as a Wesleyan Disciple, a Resident Advisor, and a member of the Student Government Association for four years – two years as president, one as secretary, and as senator her first year. A member of Wesleyan's Summer Leadership Institute and Auburn University's Women's Leadership Institute, Kendal also served as Student Representative for the Academic Affairs Trustee Board her freshman year. At Honors Day in April, Kendal was named Wesleyan Woman of the Year.



"A CAREER IS JUST A PIECE OF LIFE."

—COMMENCEMENT 2013 SPEAKER MARY SCHMICH
PULITZER PRIZE WINNING COLUMNIST

Wesleyan College's graduating seniors listened to commencement speaker Mary Schmich, 2012 Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*, tell the Pirates of 2013, "Every generation has faced challenges and tough times. You will too. But you are living in a wonderful world. You're setting out to shape it. On the days that the world doesn't seem so wonderful, just take a deep breath and remind yourself: Honey, things will look better in the morning."

Born in Savannah, Georgia, the oldest of eight children, Schmich is the daughter of Mary Ellen Findlay Schmich, Wesleyan Class of 1945, and the niece of Wesleyan Trustee Gayle Attaway Findlay, Class of 1955. Mary grew up in Georgia, attended high school in Phoenix, Arizona, and earned a B.A. from Pomona College where she co-edited the college newspaper. After working in admissions at Pomona for three years, she studied in France for eighteen months on a Rotary Fellowship. She then attended the Graduate Program in Journalism at Stanford University and interned at the *Los Angeles Times*.

"My brothers and sisters and I were raised on my mother's stories of Wesleyan the way some children are raised on fairy tales," Schmich said. "In her telling, it was a magical place peopled by amazing characters. The names of the characters in her Wesleyan legends excited our childhood imaginations as much as Cinderella and Snow White."

Schmich emphasized that what Wesleyan gave her mother was an education. And what an education gave her mother was the love of learning and the skills for learning. "And Wesleyan gave her friends. I want to stop for a moment and have you look around at your classmates. There's a good chance that one or two or three of the women sitting here with you today will be with you for the rest of your life. Or theirs. They will know you in a way no one else can know you because they knew you at this age, before you were defined by parenthood or job credentials or the size of your mortgage," Schmich said.

Schmich told the graduates that she had no career advice for them, but shared ten things her mother taught her:

1. Life will shock you. And every shock, if you let it, will open some opportunity that never crossed your mind.
2. Everything will look better in the morning.
3. Give people the benefit of the doubt.
4. Read.
5. Stop smoking. (And while you're at it, take your earbuds out from time to time and listen to the music of the natural world.)
6. Remain a spiritual seeker.
7. Politics is just a piece of life.
8. There's always enough to give something away. No matter how little you have materially, someone else has less. Give something away. Your talents, your time, your money, your willingness to listen.
9. Find community. A church. A yoga

studio. A soup kitchen. A running group. Something beyond your family that allows you to help other people and them to help you. And make time to tend your friends, even when your life seems too busy. You will need them.

10. Even the terrible things are beautiful.

Schmich has worked as a reporter at the *Peninsula Times Tribune*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, and, since 1985, the *Chicago Tribune*. She spent five years as a Tribune national correspondent based in Atlanta. Her column started in 1992 and was interrupted for a year while she attended Harvard University on a Nieman Fellowship for Journalism.

In addition to writing her column three times a week, Schmich is the author of the 1998 book *Wear Sunscreen: A Primer for Real Life*, which first appeared as a 1997 column entitled "Advice, like youth, probably just wasted on the young." It begins with the injunction to wear sunscreen, and continues with advice for living without regret. In 1999, Baz Luhrmann released a song called "Everybody's Free (To Wear Sunscreen)" in which Schmich's column is read word for word. The song was a number one hit in several countries. A tenth anniversary edition of *Wear Sunscreen* was published in 2008. Schmich also authored the long-lived comic strip *Brenda Starr* from 1985 through its final appearance in January 2011.



After 20 years, finally getting that elusive college degree

Just like the young 20-somethings, I walked from the site of the old Wesleyan College to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

And like most of them that night at the Baccalaureate service, I shed a few tears, shared some laughs and thought about the future.

The next day, May 11, I walked across the stage along with 92 others at Porter Auditorium and received my bachelor's degree.

But I am not like my fellow 2013 graduates of Wesleyan College. I happen to be 38, a full-time reporter and a single mother to two children, Nicholas, 13, and Theodore, 5, whose extracurricular activities include playing in Warner Robins American Little League and the Feagin Mill Middle School band.

I started college in the fall of 1993, a few months after graduating high school in Florida. I wanted to be an elementary school teacher and also started riding on the equestrian team. I qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's national competition, and Wesleyan flew my coach, Jon Conyers, and a few members of the team out to Colorado State University. It was one of the highlights of my collegiate experience. After my sophomore year, I quit school to get married.

We moved around a lot. I ended up in Findlay, Ohio, studying to get an equestrian degree. After that, I moved back to Florida and had my first son. I ended up back in Middle Georgia in 2001, when I started work at *The Telegraph* writing obituaries.

I also started taking classes at Wesleyan to try to finish my degree. I took a few classes and stopped again.

When my second son was born, I tried to go back again, but took two classes during the summer and didn't continue.

With the prodding of a lot of my friends and family to get my degree, I finally enrolled in 2012 in my last classes for my undergraduate degree.

I told my classmates in my senior seminar class for my English degree that had I known then what I know now, I might not have pushed through.

My senior research project was on calligraphy, and I painted five medieval scrolls as well as wrote the background on each particular style of writing.

There were a lot of tears. A lot of nights when I just wanted to quit. A few times when my children wanted to go stay at their friends' houses to get away from their stressed-out mom.

To sit there, with my fellow students, who have such dreams, I could only imagine what it would have been like for me, if I had completed my degree in four years like they did.

In my wildest dreams, I never thought I would complete my elusive degree when I left school in 1995.

My journey started not long after most of these young women were born.

Both my mother and my father were able to be at graduation, as well as my two younger brothers and my best friends. My two children had the experience of seeing their mother complete college and receive her diploma.

As I sat there, surrounded by the fresh faces of women who were about to embark on the real world, I realized my experiences since I left Wesleyan have shaped me into the woman I am today.

A bachelor degree-holding woman.

A woman I am proud of.

Special thanks and congratulations to Wesleyanne Angela Woolen, a community reporter for The Telegraph and Sun News.



WALKING WALK THE WALK AARON BARTH

Aaron Barth, Wesleyan EMBA, Class of 2009, grew up with a lifestyle that he describes as nomadic. His parents' not-for-profit and U.S. State Department work carried Aaron's family through several countries outside the United States, including ten formative years spent in the Middle East. Some of Aaron's earliest and fondest memories are the years his family lived in Jordan's capital city of Amman. From his first years in grade school and learning to play soccer, Aaron feels fortunate to have been integrated into Jordanian culture as a child. As a result, Jordan has been close to Aaron's heart ever since.

Aaron graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University in 2004 with a bachelor of arts degree in English and American literature and language and a minor in Spanish. The next year, he moved to Macon and began working at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. In 2008, Aaron enrolled in the EMBA program at Wesleyan and said it provided him with the motivation to further hone and develop tools that correlated with his work as a healthcare administrator. "The courses on global leadership, gender management, and business ethics, among others, continue to shape some of the ways I think and make business decisions today. Our two-week study abroad trip to China was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe business in another context. It is an experience I will never forget."

In 2010, Aaron took a sabbatical from his position as neurosciences and emergency services operations manager at the Medical Center and traveled through Africa and the Middle East. "Although I enjoyed

each country I passed through, when I reached Jordan, I felt like I'd rediscovered a piece of my past. I love the people, the culture, and the nation as a whole. I felt like I had returned home," he said. Aaron spent five months with a team serving the nomadic Bedouin people at a small health clinic in the south of the country and prayed about his future. "I said: 'Lord, I'd love to serve the people of Jordan if there's an opportunity to do so. If it be your will, please open the door.'"

The door did open for Aaron, and he moved to Jordan in 2012 to serve as a hospital administrator for the Annoor Sanatorium for Chest Diseases at the Northern Mafraq campus. Founded in 1965, the then-small Sanatorium was started by two brave women with only \$50 between them. They had heard about the Bedouin people of the Middle East and the great need for adequate medical treatment. That small clinic grew into a large forty-bed sanatorium and today is one of the regional centers for treating multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and a wider range of chest diseases such as chronic bronchitis, lung abscesses, and severe asthma. Satellite clinics also run in the northeast and south of the country, including the clinic Aaron served in 2010. The hospital treats more than 16,000 individuals a year in the outpatient clinic and annually admits around 175 long-term inpatients into the Sanatorium environment. One of the founders, Aileen Coleman, now in her eighties, still works with patients in the various clinics.

During his first year at the Sanatorium, Aaron learned behind-the-scenes work that goes into running three healthcare

clinics spread across a country about the size of Georgia. He oversaw the finance department, managed day-to-day operations, and helped build upon the positive relationships with local officials. "In many ways," he said, "my move to Jordan was a natural next step in translating many of the professional skills and experiences I gained from Wesleyan's EMBA program and from working at the Medical Center."

According to Aaron, since the Syrian Civil War began in 2011, more than one million refugees have fled that country, and as of March 2013, approximately 300,000 of those Syrian refugees have entered Jordan. About 70,000 have been absorbed into the Zaatarieh refugee camp just fifteen kilometers away from Annoor, and about 40,000 have moved into the greater Mafraq area. Annoor Sanatorium seeks to treat all refugees in need of medical care. Currently, about one quarter of the Sanatorium's inpatient population is Syrian refugees suffering from chronic illnesses (primarily tuberculosis), and makes up nearly ten percent of the outpatient population.

Jordan has become a second home to Aaron, and he has not discounted the possibility of spending the rest of his life there. "I know that anything can change at any moment. There is great value in planning for the future, but ultimately I'm only guaranteed one day at a time. I want to live faithfully for God, being the man he wants me to be and completing the tasks he's set before me," Aaron said.

Thanks to Kris Hattaway for contributing to this story.

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Confucius Institute
WESLEYAN

Wesleyan Greets China: Extending Friendship Across the Ocean

On April 11, the Wesleyan community celebrated the Grand Opening of the Confucius Institute at Wesleyan College, welcoming visitors from China and Central Georgia to tour its newly renovated home in the Lucy Lester Willet Memorial Library and to participate in the festive official kickoff complete with dignitaries, speeches, and thrilling performances. Highlighted by a warm greeting from Madame Xu Lin, Director General of the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) in Beijing, the opening ceremony also included remarks from Macon Mayor Robert Reichert, leaders of Guangzhou University and the municipality of Guangzhou, and a representative of the Consulate-

General of the People's Republic of China. Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Commerce Geovette Washington '89 brought greetings from the United States government. Hundreds enjoyed seeing new displays of the College's treasures from China before gathering in Porter Auditorium for the dedication ceremony, where they were treated to musical performances by Wesleyan students and to an outstanding exhibition of traditional Chinese music and dance by students from Guangzhou University.

Madame Xu said, "This is my dream realized. My generation, and also the young generation – especially girls

– they love the story of the Soong sisters very much." Emphasizing the special relationship between China and Wesleyan College and her desire to build upon that foundation, she added, "So this is from my heart. I think I should do something for Wesleyan College, and now this is a chance for me and also for Chinese women... Your Confucius Institute is like a flower, a window of introducing China and Chinese culture, and it is an exchange of our cultures, very welcomed by the people... We at Hanban will do our best to support the Wesleyan Confucius Institute, and we will make this flower the most beautiful in the world."

Preparations for the Wesleyan Confucius Institute began in the spring of 2012 and included a visit to Guangzhou and Beijing by President Ruth Knox and Vice President for Enrollment Services Steve Farr. In Beijing, they met personally with Madame Xu and presented Wesleyan's official proposal to her and the Hanban staff. For the first time ever, a fact Madame Xu confirmed during her visit to Macon, the Wesleyan proposal was approved on the same day. Now officially in operation, the Confucius Institute at Wesleyan College (CIWC) is one of about 420 around the world, including fewer than 100 in the United States.

The mission of the CIWC is to promote Chinese language and culture; foster intercultural exchange with China among students, educators, and the community; serve as a resource for Chinese studies through its China Museum; and celebrate the historic connection between Wesleyan College and China in changing the lives of women through higher education and social action. In addition to providing a variety of language classes, cultural programs, and travel opportunities, the CIWC also offers access to the art, artifacts, and documents in Wesleyan's archives that are closely related to the Soong sisters. The timing of the Grand Opening of the Confucius Institute at Wesleyan College is especially noteworthy, marking the 100th anniversary of Soong Ching-ling's graduation in 1913 from Wesleyan College.

Located on the first floor of the Willet Memorial Library, the CIWC includes offices, a conference room, and a newly renovated classroom – with the new China Museum at its heart. The China Museum contains silk tapestries, oriental screens, ornate rosewood tables and chairs, porcelain objects d'art, and other Chinese art and artifacts that are a part of Wesleyan's long-standing history with China. This Museum gallery also serves as a reception area to welcome visitors and scholars from around the world. Wesleyan's China Room, located on the third floor of the library, continues to house original documents, photographs, correspondence, and

other archival materials for serious study. Many of the College's Chinese artifacts are gifts from the Soong sisters. Over the past century, other alumnae and friends have donated numerous personal letters and gifts from the Soong sisters as well as tapestries, furniture, and art from China.

Programs planned for the CIWC include Chinese language courses for youth and adults, including Wesleyan students; summer camps in China; Chinese language and cultural art classes through The Wesleyan Academy of Lifelong Learning; faculty exchanges with Guangzhou University; and a variety of cultural performances that will showcase art, theatre, and music and celebrate holidays such as the Chinese New Year and the Lantern Festival. Eventually, the CIWC may enable Wesleyan to add Asian studies as an academic program, further broadening the College's international relations instruction.

On May 28, only one month after the Grand Opening of the Wesleyan College Confucius Institute, the College's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Vivia Fowler and Vice President Steve Farr participated in the ceremonial opening of another exciting venture for the College – the Wesleyan College American Cultural Center at Guangzhou University. Approved in September 2012 by an award from the U.S. Department of State, Wesleyan's American Cultural Center is designed to enhance mutual understanding between China and the United States by giving Chinese students and the Guangzhou community better insight into American history, philosophy, international relations, media, fine arts, community engagement, and life in America. A stunning jazz piano performance by Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Music Chenny Gan '02 highlighted the festivities. More than 20,000 students are enrolled at Guangzhou University in the third largest city in China, providing Wesleyan College with the opportunity to engage a large Chinese populace in learning more about Wesleyan and life in America.



MASTERWORKS



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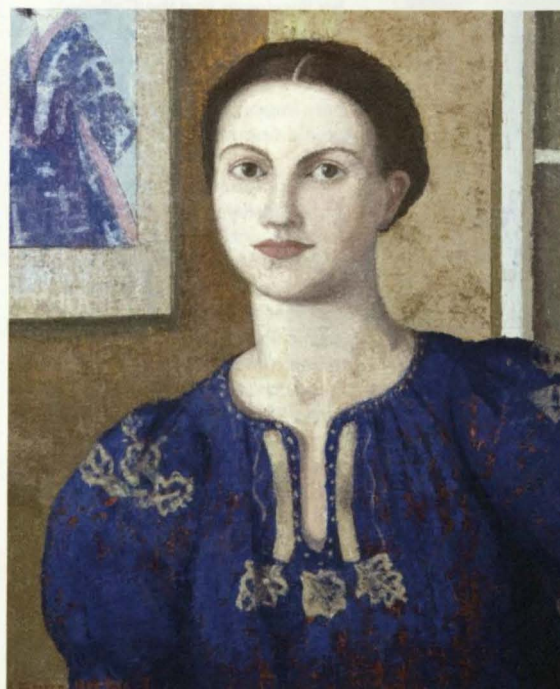
A Traveling Exhibition of American Paintings from Wesleyan College

After months of intense planning, Wesleyan's Center for the Creative and Performing Arts is excited to announce "Masterworks on the Move: A Traveling Exhibition of American Paintings from Wesleyan College." For the first time in the College's history, thirty-five of Wesleyan's cherished American paintings will travel as an exhibit to galleries and museums across the country. The exhibit includes twenty-five paintings from the Helena Ogden Eastman Campbell Collection and ten pieces from a variety of other collections.

The core of the Campbell collection was donated to Wesleyan from the 1930s through 1950s by distinguished painter and Wesleyan alumna Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell (Class

of 1897), and by friends in her New York and European artistic milieu. Helena began collecting paintings from her colleagues, and in a letter dated 1934, she announced to Wesleyan's president, Dr. Dice R. Anderson: "For the past year or two, I have had an ambition to gather from some generous artists a group of pictures, some representative pieces of work by well-known people, for Wesleyan. I have had to feel my way before mentioning it to you, but my first expression of this desire was met with so generous an offer that I am writing to you now." During the next twenty-five years, Wesleyan received one hundred donations of paintings and works on paper from distinguished artists of the time. Today, the Ogden Campbell Collection of American art includes paintings, drawings, prints,

ON THE MOVE:



and several pieces of Helena's own works. The collection is a testament to Helena's commitment as an artist, her leadership in the New York arts community, and her love for Wesleyan College.

As an exhibition, the paintings offer a window into the styles and techniques taught at the most prestigious studios of New York City and Europe during the early 1900s, such as Academie Julian and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, the Philadelphia School of Art, the Chase School and the Art Students League in New York, and the Chicago Art Institute. Each masterwork in the collection is exemplary and includes some of the best work by artists trained by renowned masters of American realism. The critically acclaimed artists include William Stanley Haseltine, Edward Dufner, Emil Holzhauser, Jane Peterson, Chauncey R. Ryder, Gustave Weigand, Sophie Marston Brannen, and others.

According to Wesleyan's Center for Creative and Performing Arts Director Lisa Sloben '00, "This important exhibition is a snapshot of 20th and early 21st century American art. The Helena Ogden Campbell collection is very impressive and includes many of the College's finest works. Every exhibit has to tell a story, and this exhibit tells the story of an alumna, a woman, and a serious artist in the early 1900s, and the importance of American art." Masterworks on the Move will debut at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center in Madison, Georgia, in September of 2013, and then travel to the Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy, Florida, in March 2014.

If you are interested in bringing these Wesleyan Treasures to your hometown, please contact Lisa Sloben '00 at 478-757-5171 or lsloben@wesleyancollege.edu.

CELEBRATED PIANIST DR. CHENNY Q. GAN '02 RETURNS TO WESLEYAN TO TEACH MUSIC

Internationally accomplished pianist Dr. Chenny Q. Gan '02 will return to Wesleyan this fall as full-time assistant professor of music in piano and collaborative piano, filling the position of her beloved former professor Edward Eikner who retired in May. Her love for Wesleyan and the College's mission helped convince Chenny to return. "Empowering women and service to the community are two very important goals in my own life, so it's a perfect fit," Chenny said.

Since graduating *summa cum laude* from Wesleyan with double degrees in music and studio art, the young and talented Chenny has compiled an impressive resume which includes two master's degrees in music from UNC-Greensboro and a doctorate of musical arts degree in piano performance from the University of Southern California. Additionally, she actively performs and teaches on three continents, with assignments that have taken her to settings as diverse as the inner city neighborhoods of Los Angeles to Carnegie Hall and the Mozarteum to guest lecturer positions at three universities in South China. As a scholar, she has presented and published research for the College Music Society, Society for Ethnomusicology, the Harvard East Asian Studies

Conference, and others. She often performs with orchestras and renowned jazz musicians and has recorded four CDs.

Returning to Georgia and Wesleyan will be a homecoming for Chenny. She lived in Georgia for almost fifteen years and her family, which immigrated to the United States from China when she was eight years old, still lives in Warner Robins. "It will be a reunion with both my Wesleyan and nuclear families." Chenny has built a substantial career during the last three years in her husband's native Germany and was thrilled to hear of the opening in the Music Department at Wesleyan. "I always said teaching at Wesleyan would be my dream job," remarked Chenny. "It was not an easy decision to leave Germany since my husband (Ernst) will remain there for now. I'm very grateful for his encouragement. Together, we are determined to make it work."

Chenny hopes to entice new students to Wesleyan by introducing creative recruiting techniques, offering new interdisciplinary courses, and promoting the music degree by emphasizing its relevance and marketability for today's culture and economy. "In a sense, I hope to up the 'cool factor' of studying

music and show young women how to be versatile in the field," she explained.

Chenny sees a new graduate emerging from Wesleyan – one who must be very eclectic and proficient in different styles, and acutely aware of the role technology plays in music. Chenny notes that technology such as iTunes, YouTube, and Twitter has drastically changed the way we listen to music, thus making all genres – folk, pop, jazz, hip-hop, and classical – more egalitarian.

"I think this eclectic and egalitarian approach is the key to classical music surviving and thriving for the coming generations," said Chenny. "Rather than lamenting how fewer and fewer people go to concert halls, why don't we find a way to bring the concert experience to them?"

With her characteristic enthusiastic Wesleyan-woman spirit, Chenny is ready to encourage and guide the next generation of Wesleyan musicians with her innovative and creative techniques. "I can't wait to show students how to use music as a way to touch people, create community, and foster lifelong learning and exchange with people all over the world," she said.

"If you have the motivation, there are so many opportunities at Wesleyan waiting to be explored. Dig them out and create your own accomplishments. And when you do accomplish, you'll get noticed."
Dr. Chenny Q. Gan '02





Carrying on Family Traditions

On her sixth birthday, Haley Davis Heath '01 lost her way in the woods while helping her dad hang No Trespassing signs on their property in Bolingbroke, Georgia. She drove away on a four-wheeler, was lost for twelve hours, and missed her birthday party. Even as darkness and a thunderstorm approached, Haley was at ease and intrigued by her outdoor surroundings. "I reasoned that if I found one of the posted signs, my dad would eventually find me," said Haley. "I've always been very wood-wise. That's just how my brain works." This event foreshadowed what has become Haley's destiny of spending much of her life in the great outdoors.

Being comfortable in the woods comes naturally to this all-American girl-next-door. In fact, it's a family tradition. Haley's dad, mom, both grandfathers, and her grandmother involved her in their outdoor activities. Haley's dad began taking her deer hunting at the age of three and her first claim to fame was when, at the age of six, with camo-dressed doll in tow, she shot her first deer: a basket-rack, seven-pointer that still hangs proudly on her wall today.

Throughout her childhood and teen years and even as a student at Wesleyan, Haley shared her passion with friends, encouraging girls and women to get involved in the traditionally male sports of hunting and fishing. She remembers taking Wesleyan classmates hunting. "Some of the girls I took wore perfume and had their hair styled and scented. It was hysterical."

According to figures from the National Sporting Good Association's 2010 Shooting Sports Participation report, more women than men have taken up hunting in the United States in recent years. In the hunting world, Haley Heath is labeled as a top hunter in the industry. In 2006, Haley, then

three months pregnant, entered a 'Survivor-like' competition on the ESPN television show *ESPN's Ultimate Outdoorsman Search*. The only female contestant, Haley was pitted against men in several hunting and fishing expeditions, including hunting turkey in two feet of Minnesota snow. "It was horrible," Haley recalled. "I was trying to shoot turkey and battling morning sickness at the same time. But I won the challenge! The experience proved what I've preached my entire life – women can do all of it." Haley was one of two finalists when the *Ultimate* producers announced that the final competition was an elk hunt the first week of November. Haley had to forfeit and accept second place because she was due to deliver her baby the same week.

When the competition aired, e-mails and phone calls flooded in pleading for Haley to have her own show. In September 2006, producers filmed and aired a dove hunt on Haley's family's farm. Today Haley is the award-winning host of *Family Traditions with Haley Heath*, which airs on the Sportsman Channel. "We didn't know what we were doing when we started the show," she said. "But it has lasted seven years, which is very rare in this industry." *Family Traditions* features Haley, and often her children, Gunner, eight, and Dakota, six, as she travels the world in search of big game. The show demonstrates the importance of family and spending time with loved ones and promotes the same values Haley learned as a child. Since the show began, Haley has earned much-deserved recognition. In 2008, she was the first woman to receive the "Viewer Favorite Personality" Sportsman Award. In 2009, she was appointed as the Ambassador for Hunt. Fish. Feed., the Sportsman Channel's initiative to feed needy families during economic crisis. The same year, Haley was highlighted in *USA Today*,

The Wall Street Journal, and on ABC *Nightly World News*.

The show's success has led to additional opportunities for Haley. Currently, she is the only spokesperson for Remington Arms and their first female spokesperson since Annie Oakley. When the Buck Knives company learned that their hunting knives were Haley's favorite and that she'd like to see the line redesigned for the female hand, they invited her to collaborate on a line of female-specific hunting knives. Sized down with a modified handle designed to fit in smaller hands, and finger guard for a safer grip, Buck introduced the *Haley Heath ErgoHunter Adrenaline Avid Fixed Blade Knife* as part of their new line of knives created specifically for women. Haley also co-hosts *Yeti's Ultimate Hunt*, a fundraiser for cancer research. Throughout the year, she and her family participate in numerous appearances around the country.

Haley's schedule is hectic to say the least. During the last eighteen months, she has been home only three or four days in row. Though she is doing what she loves, it is a tough business, especially since Haley manages every role at *Family Traditions*, from hunting to marketing.

When at home, Haley spends time with her children making memories and passing on family traditions. "Some of my fondest memories are of me and dad or mom just sitting in a tree stand," she remarked. "I didn't care if we saw an animal or not. There were no interruptions."

Like her mom, Haley's daughter and sixth-generation hunter, Dakota, also has a memorable birthday story. A few days shy of her sixth birthday last year, Dakota, dressed as Ariel for Halloween, shot her first deer. "It was a sight to see," laughed Haley. "She made a great shot."

Reaching Out

Each year, Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service provides students with opportunities to invest their time and talents to improve the quality of life for our neighbors in Middle Georgia. In the process, students build their leadership skills and some even find their career path. The Lane Center's signature project is Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table after-school program in the Anthony Homes neighborhood. Three afternoons each week, Wesleyan students welcome elementary school-aged children to Aunt Maggie's for homework help, snacks, story time, and cultural enrichment activities like African drumming, spoken word poetry, and dance. A recent donation from St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation helps the Center reach not only the children served by Aunt Maggie's but also their parents.

The Foundation's generous gift supports the Center's existing programs and expands its reach to the parents of children who attend Aunt Maggie's. Parents can now enroll in work-readiness workshops that assist with resume writing, interviewing skills, goal setting, parenting, and basic computer use. Students in HMS (Human Services) 299, led by Lane Center Director Rhonda Green-Barnes, develop and deliver this series of classes. Because they are close in age to many of the parents, most of whom are women, Wesleyan students find it easy to engage, encourage, and mentor. St. Marys' support has provided six laptop computers loaded with Microsoft Office Professional software, two iPads, an extended wireless router, and a printer. The new equipment enhances learning in the workshops

and provides parents with the means to design and print resumes, access email accounts, search for jobs, and apply for positions online.

The new parent-focused workshops were introduced recently at a special Fun Day for families living in Anthony Homes. Parents and children enjoyed line dancing, a talent show, story telling, inflatables, face painting, basketball, and a barbeque serving hamburgers and hot dogs. As children played, parents were engaged in workshops, including "Creating a Winning Resume" and "Healthy Eating on a Budget."

St. Marys' gift also allowed the Lane Center to hire two student interns, Wyneka Curry '15 and Shanelle Holder '13. Wyneka and Shanelle are working to develop a service catalog of opportunities and an online service transcript. The service catalog will document the many avenues for service available in our community, helping Wesleyan students, particularly those not already engaged at the Lane Center, to match their talents, interests, professional goals, and schedules with a wide variety of service opportunities. Additionally, the catalog will help the Lane Center reach its goal to connect students with placements that allow them to explore their particular areas of interest or to expand their understanding by stepping out of their comfort zones. The online service transcript will allow students to plan and document their service

hours, while also giving the Lane Center director another tool to track students' service hours and coach them to achieve their goals. This will be especially helpful to Faith and Service scholarship recipients who are required to complete at least 100 hours of service each year.

Wesleyan College is exceedingly grateful to St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation for its generous support of the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. With help from St. Marys and other generous donors including the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Central Georgia EMC, the Elam Alexander Trust, Perkins-Ponder Foundation, and Bank of America, Wesleyan College is becoming more effective in developing servant leaders who meet critical needs in our community and beyond.





WHY I GIVE.

Julia Stillwell Ketcham '58

Member, The Society for the Twenty-first Century

When Julia Ketcham returned to Wesleyan in April for her 55th class reunion, she was thrilled to discover that the same nurturing environment she treasured as a student is still very much a part of the Wesleyan experience today. She also enjoyed learning about renovated and new academic buildings, updated residence halls, the Arboretum and Outdoor Learning Laboratory, and plans for the new Pierce Chapel.

Julia graduated from Wesleyan in 1958 with a degree in English literature, and in 1966 she earned her master's degree in the same subject from Syracuse University. She spent her career teaching, writing, and conducting archival research at various institutions, colleges and universities, including Yale University Library, Syracuse University, Chicago Library, and Wesleyan College. Her perspective on the importance of higher education for women is reflected throughout her research, teaching, and published writings.

Years of strong donor support, like Julia's, has ensured the College's future by providing scholarships, teaching programs and technology, and a variety of capital projects. She said, "This donation is to honor the memory of beloved professors such as Carl Bennett, Warren Gignilliat, Thomas Gosset, and Gulnar Bosch, and librarian Katharine Payne Carnes. It is an affirmation of the bonds of sisterhood with those bright, fun, strong classmates I treasure; a remembrance of family alumnae including my mother, aunts, and cousins; and most of all, it is to ensure that a liberal arts education for women will continue to pass on not just skills and facts, but what it means to be an informed woman as free, nurturing, creative, brave, and caring as she can be."

Julia and other members of Wesleyan's Society for the Twenty-first Century invite you to consider including Wesleyan in your own estate plans. First, consult with your personal financial

adviser to determine the best way to provide for your loved ones and then how to include your beloved Wesleyan in your plans. It may be as simple as naming Wesleyan as a beneficiary in a will or designating a remainder of your estate after meeting the needs of your family. Some donors create charitable remainder trusts that provide income for themselves and their spouses during their lifetime. Others name Wesleyan as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or a retirement plan. Simply put, a planned gift is one of the most important things you can do today to sustain the future of Wesleyan College.

For information about planned giving or Wesleyan's Society for the Twenty-first Century, please contact Susan Allen, Senior Development Officer, at (478) 757-5133 or sallen@wesleyancollege.edu.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR ALMA MATER THROUGH THE TRADITION OF GIVING FOR ONE ANOTHER ...*it's the Wesleyan way.*

Annie Mays Larmore entered Wesleyan College in the fall of 1924 and has shown an undying devotion to her alma mater from that day to this. A town girl who didn't live on campus, Annie walked two miles every morning to attend classes and two miles home every afternoon, earning an AB degree in history in 1928.

At Commencement that year, Bishop Warren Candler asked the graduates to pledge \$240 each (about \$2,500 in today's dollars) to help with the cost of the new Rivoli campus, which they would never occupy. Knowing that she would be a school teacher with a modest income, Miss Annie made the pledge. Tough times followed, including the Depression. Some years she was only able to send \$10, but she eventually paid the entire amount. When that pledge was satisfied, she continued making gifts to Wesleyan year after year. Today, at 106, she still gives faithfully – always to the Annual Fund and sometimes to a capital project as well. With 85 years of consecutive giving, Miss Annie has enhanced the Wesleyan College experience for each one of us.

Reflecting on the value of a liberal arts education that results in students who think critically and write and speak effectively, Annie claimed that Wesleyan prepared her with an education that was both relevant and timeless. Her wish for today's women is that they gain the type of education that will allow them to be highly competitive in any professional field and gain an understanding of life-long learning to carry them through several generations – just in case they, too, live to be 106 years old.

"I don't want Wesleyan women today to be limited," Annie said. "I want them to be strong women who are dedicated to contributing to society. I want Wesleyan women to be big enough socially, mentally, and spiritually to go on from Wesleyan to be whatever they want to be."

In April, Annie returned to campus for Alumnae Weekend, and celebrated her 85th reunion. During the annual meeting, President Knox honored Annie with a resolution and presented her with the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association's "first" True, Faithful, and Loyal Award. Annie accepted the award by saying, "I will pray for Wesleyan's

continued success in the preparation of young women to become leaders in all fields of service throughout the world."

For generations, Wesleyan students have achieved great success and then given back to support their younger sisters. Today's students benefit from the support of extraordinary women like Annie who remain deeply connected to the College. Opening the doors for a new generation of leaders, your annual support of the Annual Fund ensures that smart, talented, and committed young women can afford a Wesleyan education. No aspect of the College is left untouched by your Annual Fund support. It helps keep Wesleyan's campus safe and beautiful and enriches the lives of our students through academic scholarships, NCAA athletics, campus ministries, fine arts, residence life programs, and computer labs.

Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. Strong participation in the Annual Fund helps Wesleyan secure state and federal grant funding and awards from private foundations. Giving online is quick, secure, and easy at: www.wesleyancollege.edu/give.

When we all Give

TO THE ANNUAL FUND, OUR COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTION MAKES A TRULY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. GOOD BECOMES OUTSTANDING, AND OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE THE VERY BEST.

Annie Mays Larmore '28 and her daughter, Carrell Dammann at Alumnae Weekend, 2013.



STUNT.13

From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college women. 2013 marked the 117th year of STUNT, the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The four classes directed, performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT Cup. The Golden Hearts won the cup this year and the Green Knights won the Spirit Cup. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships.





Campus News



Faculty Awards, 2012-2013

On Honors Day April 18th, Wesleyan College presented awards to students, faculty, and staff for the academic year 2012 - 2013. Pictured left to right are Patrice Johnson, assistant professor of accounting, honored with the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award; President Ruth Knox; Dr. Matthew Martin, professor of English and Knox Chair of Humanities, honored with the Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching; Vivia Fowler, provost of the College; and Charles Benesh, associate professor of physics, honored with the SGA Professor of the Year award.

During Fall Convocation, September 20, 2012, Professor of Biology Dr. James Ferrari (not pictured) was presented the Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award.

Frances de La Rosa competes in mural competition highlighting Latin artists

Wesleyan's Comer Professor of Painting Frances de La Rosa was one of ten finalists from around the country chosen to compete in a mural contest sponsored by Jose Cuervo Tequila and the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture. Taking inspiration from music, education, and the importance of family, the artists were given thirty days to complete their works. Representing the State of Georgia, de La Rosa painted an original mural representing the longevity of culture. The mural became a salute to traditions and culture as a renewable resource. She laid out a composition based on a map of the Western Hemisphere featuring a man in the foreground, who has up-rooted a blue agave plant. Its roots flow from it as rivers, defining the countries of Latin America. In the distance, the man appears again in the United States, where he has planted the agave, thus symbolizing a new life enriched by a tapestry of cultures – encounters of the traditions of the past and the hopes of the future.

Before her mural was crated and shipped to Chicago to exhibit with the other nine murals, de La Rosa talked with students about the marketing perspective as well as her experience conceiving and making the painting in thirty days. "Periodically, I invited students to my studio to see the progress of the mural, and then I set up an educational venue in the McCrary Gallery in Murphey with the painting, sketches, reference materials, and examples of Jose Cuervo Tradicional Mural Project marketing artifacts," said de La Rosa.

In January and February, a Facebook page displayed the ten murals, inviting the public to vote on their favorite mural. Although she did not win the grand prize, de La Rosa said, "It was



a good experience and I am glad to have participated. I met many wonderful people along the way, and making the painting was exhilarating!"

The mural has always been an integral part of Mexican culture, acting as a major form of expression and beautifying communities for generations. At age fifteen, de La Rosa traveled to Mexico for the first time and has made eleven return trips for research on artists, colonial architecture, and Pre-Columbian art. She has lived in the Dominican Republic, traveled to Costa Rica, and owns a second home in Lima, Peru, and said the stylization of figures in Meso-American art and the recto-linear abstractions of art in the ancient textiles and Pre-Columbian structures in Peru have been very influential in her image development.

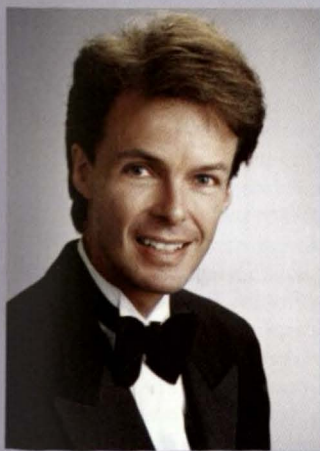
Ryan's Hope Equestrian Scholarship

Wesleyan's new Ryan's Hope Equestrian Scholarship was aptly named to honor the memory of a chestnut thoroughbred named Ryan. Ryan was a beloved lesson-horse whose skill and patience trained many students ranging from the beginning level to the advanced level. Trained in both hunt seat and western, Ryan was a vital part of Wesleyan's equestrian program from 1996 until his retirement in 2008.

Valued between \$1000-\$3000 toward tuition at Wesleyan College, the Ryan's Hope Scholarship is renewable every year for four years (eight semesters) if the student remains in good standing and maintains a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5. To qualify for the Ryan's Hope Equestrian Scholarship, eligible high school seniors and transfer student candidates must have a high school GPA of 2.5, a minimum SAT score of 480 Critical Reading and 440 Math or an ACT score of 21 (composite), ACT math score of 18 and an ACT English score of 20. Candidates must schedule an audition with equestrian coach Courtenay Staples Bunn '05.



Professor of Music Edward Eikner retires



Charles Edward Eikner, Jr., has been an inspiration to students and a beloved colleague within the Wesleyan community for 40 years. A world-renowned pianist, he has dazzled audiences with his extensive repertoire in cities like London, Vienna, Tokyo, Beijing, Moscow, Buenos Aires, and New York. He has completed eleven Italian tours and six Grecian tours and has presented several performances in the Czech Republic.

Edward earned a bachelor of music degree in piano performance from Texas

Technological College in 1967, was awarded the master of music degree in piano from the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester in 1969, and received the master of music degree in piano from Belgrade Music Academy of Yugoslavia while on a Fulbright Scholarship in 1970. He attended Baylor University on a Van Cliburn scholarship, was awarded a scholarship to study with Rosina Lhevinne at The Juilliard School of Music, and won first prize in the National Young Artist's competition in Portland, Maine.

Edward joined the music faculty of Wesleyan College in 1973 and was named Catherine L. Comer Professor of Fine Arts in 1988. He trained many successful, award-winning students, most notably Neva Jane Langley Fickling '55 and Chenny Q. Gan '02.

He has taught at international music festivals in Brazil, judged international competitions in Italy, and performed in Jordan at the request of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

President Knox said, "Edward Eikner has inspired us with his talent for teaching, enriched us with countless incredible performances, and enlivened the Wesleyan community with his wit, style, and flair. I wish him all the best in his retirement and know he will continue to be an invaluable friend and ambassador for Wesleyan College." During Alumnae Weekend, the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association and Wesleyan faculty honored Edward with a celebration concert, and in May, he was presented Wesleyan's Exemplary Teaching Award, given by the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. The honor is awarded to a member of the Wesleyan faculty who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, excellence in teaching, service to students, and commitment to education. In honor of his retirement, the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees voted at their February meeting to bestow upon Edward the title of Professor Emeritus of Music, which was presented during Commencement in May.

With three CD's to his credit, two include collaborations with his dearest friend, Neva Fickling. Edward has performed with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Macon Symphony Orchestra, pianist Garrick Ohlsson, cellists Nathaniel Rosen and Jennifer Langham, mezzo-soprano Brenda Boozer, Czech baritone Vratislav Kriz, Mercer University faculty, and Jean and John Roberts, among others. His upcoming performances include concerts in Singapore, Nepal, and Ghana.

Campus News



Pulitzer Prize Winning Author **DOUGLAS BLACKMON** SPEAKS TO WESLEYAN STUDENTS

In February, Wesleyan welcomed Douglas Blackmon, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black People in America*, to campus for a discussion about his book and critically acclaimed PBS documentary by the same name. The College hosted a screening of the film in Taylor Hall Amphitheatre the night before Blackmon's visit.

His multi-award winning book grew out of his 2011 article on slave labor in *The Wall Street Journal*. The book reveals the use of forced labor by dozens of U.S. corporations with commercial interests in coal mines, timber camps, factories, and farms in cities and states across the South, beginning after the Civil War and continuing until the start of World War II.

At the beginning of his convocation, Blackmon posed the question: "Why does it matter?," referring to the ugliness revealed in his book. He concluded by answering: "We need to know the history of a place in order to explain the world we live in today."

A much-sought-after lecturer on race, history, and social memory, Blackmon is a contributing editor at *The Washington Post* and chair and host of *Forum*, a public affairs program produced by the University of Virginia's Miller Center. Until joining *The Post* in 2011, Blackmon was the longtime chief of *The Wall Street Journal's* Atlanta bureau and the paper's senior national correspondent. He is also a co-founder and board member of two socially and ethnically diverse charter schools serving more than 600 students, including his own two children, in grades kindergarten through eight in the inner city of Atlanta.



Wesleyan names MacMillan Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Douglas B. MacMillan, Jr., has been named Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Wesleyan. Bringing fifteen years of fundraising experience to the position, MacMillan will focus his knowledge and leadership skills on fulfilling the College's development needs and fundraising goals.

He began his professional career with the Presbyterian Church, serving as a pastor and new church developer. Most recently, MacMillan served as associate vice president at Union Theological Seminary, which has campuses in Richmond, Virginia, and Charlotte, North Carolina. Previously, MacMillan was director of development at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

MacMillan graduated from Union Theological Seminary with a master's of divinity, *cum laude*, having earned the Friends Fellowship. He is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Georgia Honors Program where he earned a bachelor of arts in religion and music. At UGA he was a performer in the Redcoat Band and the UGA Symphony.

MacMillan's family ties to Wesleyan date back four generations to the late nineteenth century. His wife Nichole (Collins) is a Wesleyanne, Class of 1994, and his great grandmother (Rena Livingston Henry, daughter of noted Georgian Robert L. Henry) and two of his great-great aunts graduated from the College. Nichole is also an ordained Presbyterian pastor, and runs Bare Bulb Coffee, an innovative mission project and new church development in Warner Robins, Georgia. The MacMillans have two sons who attend Mount De Sales Academy.



"My work is about the necessity of the arts in our lives—and how integral they are in human development. Most people think of the arts as a luxury, when in fact, science keeps reporting evidence that the arts improve the human condition and aid in positive human development."

Pianist, composer, and playwright AMANDA DEAN JACOBS '84

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." The well-known opening line of Jane Austen's classic novel *Pride and Prejudice* also opens the musical *An Evening with the Women of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice*, composed and written by alumna Amanda Dean Jacobs '84 and Lindsay Warren Baker. Performed in Porter Auditorium April 11-13 by students in Music 220, the production was part of the Morning Music Club of Macon's Centennial Celebration.

As a composer and playwright, Amanda is most recognized for her award-winning work on *Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice*, a Musical, which was optioned for Broadway in October 2006 and again in October 2011 after sweeping the New York Musical Theatre scene, winning the coveted Stage Entertainment and Most Promising Musical awards. With its current producers based in London,

the show is being prepared for its next steps. Amanda said she and her writing partner took great pleasure in adapting the musical for Wesleyan's special performance.

Amanda grew up in Macon, earning her bachelor of music degree in piano performance from Wesleyan in 1984 and later, a master's of music in piano pedagogy from Georgia State University. She also studied at Alkmaar Conservatorium in the Netherlands and at the Eastman School of Music, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York. Amanda is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in educational psychology with emphasis in the arts. Trained as a pianist, she now works and creates in the three artistic disciplines of music, theatre, and the visual arts.

"My work as an artist educator is an extension of the beliefs and philosophies I hold as an artist," said Amanda. "My

work is about the necessity of the arts in our lives—and how integral they are in human development. Most people think of the arts as a luxury, when in fact, science keeps reporting evidence that the arts improve the human condition and aid in positive human development."

Directed by Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Music Ellen Futral Hanson '83, Wesleyan's performance of *An Evening with the Women of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* featured seven students: Erin Baty '14, Katrina Rodeheaver '14, Camille Lacey '15, Raleigh Cate Chance '14, Skylarr Stanley '15, Nicole Morelli '16, and Paula Lockhart '14. Mildred Goodrum Heyward Associate Professor of Music Nadine Cheek '79 served as pianist and rehearsal accompanist.

To keep up with Amanda's latest projects, visit her at amanda-jacobs.blogspot.com.

FROM THE ALUMNAE PRESIDENT:



In October, my convocation message to the Pirate Class of 2013 explored the many "ships" that alumnae share with students: internships, externships, scholarships, and friendship. It was a moment of great fun, complete with eye patches and aaaarrhhhs! So my favorite memory of Alumnae Weekend was welcoming these same Pirates into the alumnae association with another message about ships:

Today, we offer you membership in the world's oldest alumnae association, a fellowship that began in the age of steamships and has lasted into the age of spaceships thanks to the kinship that we share as graduates of the flagship college for women.

A couple of weeks later, I saw these Pirates one last time at Baccalaureate. There they sat, just hours away from setting off into the wide world. I reminded them that Wesleyan has equipped them with two parts of a ship that no pirate should be without:

Every ship needs a sail – your diploma is the sail. Never fear a rising wind because unfurling your Wesleyan diploma will carry you into the future. Secondly, every pirate ship needs an anchor – look around at the women who are your friends, your sisters. They will be your anchor. Not to slow you down or hold you back, but to steady your ship in rough seas and to let you know you are home.

May these Pirates – and all of us – find that our joys are as deep as the ocean and our sorrows as light as its foam.

Ashley Garrett

Ashley Garrett '90
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

Announcing Alumnae Weekend 2014

April 25, 26, & 27

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us next spring! Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

1929	1944	1959	1974	1989	2004
1934	1949	1964	1979	1994	2009
1939	1954	1969	1984	1999	2013





Kudos to 2013 Alumnae
Weekend Chair Rita Parker
McGarity '75 for planning a
fantastic reunion weekend!

2013 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations 2013 Alumnae Award Recipients! To read complete profiles of these wonderful Wesleyan women, visit our website: www.wesleyancollege.edu.



Distinguished Service to the Community

As a student at Wesleyan **Lucia Hutchinson Peel Powe '53** volunteered on the newspaper staff, Glee Club, Student Christian Board, and the Social Standards Committee and, in her senior year, she was crowned Miss Georgia.

After graduating with degrees in speech and drama, Lucia hosted the television show *Open House* and later starred as "Miss Lucia" on the television show *Romper Room*. She has recruited students and helped organize the

Chattanooga and North Carolina Triangle alumnae clubs.

While raising four daughters, Lucia served as choir director at her church, offered free singing lessons, led Girl Scout troops, and was active in The Roanoke Historical Society and The Music Club in addition to founding The North Carolina Symphony Society of Martin County.

Lucia has served on boards including the NC State History Museum, NC State Art Museum Outreach, NC State Symphony Society, and the Lineberger Cancer Research Center of UNC-CH. She was instrumental in creating KidZnotes, an educational program that provides classical music training to 200 at-risk students in the Durham area. In 2012, she received the NC Governor's Award for Volunteer Service.



Distinguished Achievement in a Profession

Tommie Sue Montgomery '63, PhD is the recipient of three Fulbright awards: to teach at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, to study Salvadoran refugees in Belize, and to teach at the Central American University in El Salvador where her own Montgomery Archive Collection is housed.

Her work in Latin America has resulted in three books and articles on regional conflict, the role of churches, U.S. policy in the region, and the peace process. The heart of Tommie Sue's career has been teaching and mentoring students, imparting her love of Latin America to new generations. In addition to full-time teaching, Tommie Sue has lectured at more than 70 colleges and universities, served as an informal consultant to UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, and later as co-leader for a USAID evaluation team in El Salvador. In 1992 she was a consultant to a UN peace mission in El Salvador.

Tommie Sue has returned to Wesleyan as a convocation speaker, sponsored students on trips to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Canada, joined the Society for the 21st Century, and continues to make Wesleyan a priority in her life.



Distinguished Service to the Church

For years, **Clarice Pittman Elder '58** was a leader and volunteer at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, where she served as a member of the Evangelism Committee, the Worship Committee, created the church newsletter, and was ordained an Elder of the church, the highest office held by a layperson in the Presbyterian Church. She was responsible for obtaining

new lighting for the sanctuary, an improved sound system, a new Baptismal Font, and updated paraments for the pulpit and communion table.

Later, Clarice joined Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church and immediately assumed leadership roles. As a member of the Worship Committee, she also leads the new Acolyte Program for 7-12 year olds and was elected to the Session of the church, assisting in all areas of ministry, worship planning, and overseeing the finances and maintenance of church property.

Clarice also serves the Greater Atlanta Presbytery, which has a membership of more than 100 churches. She is a member of the Committee for the Preparation for Ministry, the Committee on Ministry, and she interviews ministers moving into the presbytery.



Distinguished Service to Wesleyan

As a Wesleyan student ambassador, **Jody Bethea Riggs '88** welcomed prospective students to campus and gave tours. Her involvement on campus also included playing class soccer, singing in the Washboard Band, and participating in STUNT.

As an alumna, Jody has hosted prospective students in her home, served as an Alumnae Admission Representative, attended numerous college fairs and Yield Parties, presented Wesleyan First Awards, and supported current students by participating in the e-Link program.

Jody served on the Board of Managers for 15 years, including as treasurer and as president of the Alumnae Association. Under Jody's leadership, the Alumnae Association reorganized its financial structure, providing more than \$600,000 in donations to the Leap of Faith campaign for Wesleyan's endowment. During her term as president, the Alumnae Association also contributed the Sisters Fountain to the courtyard of Munroe Science Center.

Jody is a successful Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Financial Planner, and a member of Christ United Methodist Church where she has served in numerous positions.

Now is the time to Nominate for 2014 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church, or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award. For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline to nominate December 1, 2013.



Distinguished Service to the Community

Kathryn Parsons Willis '53 has devoted a lifetime to improving her hometown of Duluth, Georgia.

Kathryn graduated from Wesleyan as a young bride with a degree in psychology and returned to Duluth where she combined a career in the retail business with being a wife and mother of five children. She retired recently after working for 61 years.

Kathryn is a tireless advocate, fundraiser, board member, community volunteer, and a leader at the Duluth United Methodist Church where she raised funds for 38 stained glass windows. She served on the Gwinnett Medical Center Board for 22 years, chairing its Legacy Circle and overseeing the Foundation's annual auction. She was awarded the Foundation's first Distinguished Service award and received the 2012 Legacy Award. Kathryn is credited as a founder and motivating force behind the Duluth Fall Festival, a 30-year annual event that now attracts between 80,000 and 100,000 people to the Duluth Town Green for two days each September, raising funds for community improvements.



Distinguished Service to the Community

An accomplished artist, **Ann Parsons Odum '54** has captured on canvas the rich heritage of Duluth, Georgia, the town her great-great grandfather founded. Recently, she published a book, *Duluth, Georgia: Through the Eyes of One of Its Own*, a collection of 90 paintings and stories about the people, places, and scenes of her life.

A Member of Excellence in the Southeast Pastel Society, Ann has won numerous awards both locally and internationally. She received the first Art Works Gwinnett Lifetime Achievement award and was selected best artist in Gwinnett County in 1989. She has been featured in *Style* magazine, and the Suwannee Kroger has displayed 18 large-scale replicas of her paintings.

An active member of Duluth First United Methodist Church, Ann has sung in the choir, served on the board, and painted the preschool hallways with murals. As a board member at Gwinnett Tech, Ann helped plan a child development center and painted murals on the walls. She founded and served as president of the Gwinnett Ladies Rotary Club "Innerwheel," and helped raise funds for the Center for the Visually Impaired.



Distinguished Service to Wesleyan

Anne Scarborough Hughes '78 has offered her considerable talents in service to her alma mater with enthusiasm, humility, and love.

In 1994 Anne was elected secretary of the Alumnae Board of Managers, beginning a 12-year tenure that included a three-year term as National Alumnae President from 2000 to 2003. Anne has served Wesleyan as a representative at college fairs all over the state of Georgia. She has

presented Wesleyan First Awards at high school honors day programs and has opened her family's mountain home for the Board of Managers' annual retreat. A member of the Society for the Twenty-First Century, Anne has shared the Wesleyan message among United Methodist Church ministers' wives at numerous functions in her community.

During the academic year 2004 – 2005, and again in the spring of 2010, Anne taught at Wesleyan as a full-time visiting professor of Spanish. She helped pioneer on-line instruction as a high school Spanish teacher, developed a Supplemental Instruction program at Piedmont College, and has built a successful business with Premier Jewelry.



Young Alumnae Award

M. Elizabeth Hughes '06 has emerged as a leader in the film and television industry and is already representing the College on a national level.

Before stepping into the spotlight in Hollywood, Elizabeth fueled her passion for making films at Wesleyan. As a student she directed two plays, was an actress in *STUNT*, served on the Campus Activities Board, and was a Summer Leadership Institute participant. After graduating *magna cum laude* from Wesleyan with a major in communications and a minor in theatre, Elizabeth received her masters of fine arts in film and television producing from Chapman University in 2008.

Elizabeth has produced or line produced twenty-two films. Her first feature film, *Herpes Boy*, won several awards. In 2011, she produced *Miss Dial*, which is now available in all major video-on-demand outlets. Recently, she co-produced the award-winning *Short Term 12*, and is currently in pre-production for her next feature, *Domain*.

Elizabeth has pledged her financial support to the College by joining the Society for the 21st Century, organized numerous activities with classmates, and has shared her knowledge with Wesleyan students.

Alumnae CONNECTIONS

The Wesleyan alumnae club network is all about *Sisterhood* and *Service*. Active alumnae volunteers enjoy the benefits of connecting with other *Wonderful Women of Wesleyan* while engaging in service opportunities and leadership roles that support our Alma Mater. Visit wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae to learn more about the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA). Find us on Facebook at [WesleyanCollegeAlumnaeAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/WesleyanCollegeAlumnaeAssociation) for current updates on news of classmates, friends, and WCAA events. Contact Alumnae Directors **Cathy Coxe Snow '71** (Classes 1928-1979): csnow@wesleyancollege.edu (478.757.5173) or **Lauren Hamblin '06** (Classes 1980-2013): lhamblin@wesleyancollege.edu (478.757.2078) and stay involved!

Florida

Tallahassee

Goodwood Plantation was the venue for this annual luncheon where author **Kathy Bradley '78** spoke to the group on her new book, *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*. Wesleyan guests included **President Ruth Knox '75**, Director of Annual Giving Andrea Williford, and Alumnae Directors **Cathy Coxe Snow '71** and **Lauren Hamblin '06**. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for this March event, along with alumnae hostesses **Ermine Owenby '61**, **Martha Herring Stubbs '68**, and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**.

Georgia

Atlanta

Atlanta area alumnae responded in record numbers to a fun *Sisterhood Social* held in March at the home of **Kathi Hill Goddard '77**. Sponsored by past presidents of the Atlanta Club, the social was one of the largest gatherings the club has had in recent years with 75 alumnae attending. Our thanks to **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** who coordinated plans for the event with other past presidents, including **Frances Oehmig Collins '47**, **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71**, **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72**, and **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89**. **Ruth White Fruit '54** and **Julie Adams Hawk '57** also served as alumnae hostesses. Wesleyan guests included President Ruth Knox, Susan Allen and **Millie Parrish Hudson '75** (Advancement Office), Andrea Williford, Cathy Snow, and Lauren Hamblin. Holiday sisterhood events continued when Atlanta Young Alumnae met to see the Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre. Young Alumnae also held a 2013 planning meeting in January. In May, members participated in the Club's 2013 WOW Service Day project as volunteer docents for the Atlanta Symphony Decorators' Show House. **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70** coordinated plans for the Show House project.

Macon

In December, **Trudie Parker Sessions '65** hosted the Macon Club's annual *Holiday Coffee* at her home with more than 75 area alumnae on the attend list. Wesleyan guests included Cathy Snow, who gave a brief update on the College, Susan Allen, and Andrea Williford. Also in December, Macon Young Alumnae met for Historic Macon's *Candlelight Tour of Homes*. In February, the Alumnae Office hosted a *Valentine Craft Morning* on campus for alumnae with small children. Look for Macon Young Alums on Facebook by searching *WesleyanMaconYoungAlums*.

St. Simons Island / Brunswick

Golden Isles alumnae met at Marsh's Edge for their annual *Holiday Coffee* in December. Many thanks to **Maude Williamson Garner '45** who coordinated plans for the event that included updates on the College presented by Wesleyan guests Susan Allen and Cathy Snow. **Laura Johnson Fowler '57**, **Mary Tappan Garrison '46**, **Heather Poindexter Kennedy '05**, **Adelaide Wallace Ponder '46** and **Carol Burt '64** also served as alumnae hostesses.

Valdosta

Invited to a December *Holiday Brunch*, Valdosta area alumnae met at the home of **Jeannie Nabell Grow '67** for a sisterhood social and meeting featuring former WCAA President Kathy Bradley, who discussed her new book. Wesleyan guests Cathy Snow, Lauren Hamblin, Andrea Williford, and Susan Allen visited with alumnae and gave brief updates on the College. Other alumnae hostesses and brunch chefs **Gloria Boyette '60**, **Sally Shingler Kurrie '70**, and **Marsha Harris Rudolph '62** were on hand to greet guests.

North Carolina

Raleigh

North Carolina Triangle Alumnae Club members celebrated the New Year at Carolina Country Club in January, where they enjoyed hearing speaker and author Kathy Bradley discuss her first book. *Let's Do Lunch* alumnae hostesses included **Pamela Henry Pate '71** and **Linda Brown Walker '73**. In May, club members volunteered for their annual WOW Day project for Kidznotes, a community project spearheaded by 2013 Alumnae Award recipient **Lucia Hutchinson Peel Powe '53**. For photos and information on club activities, visit the club's Facebook page managed by **Mindy Frasier '80**.

Get Ready to Connect

Pirate 2017 Move-In Day: August 17, 2013

Do you remember move-in day your first year? The Alumnae Office is looking for volunteers to pass out water and offer a friendly smile to the first years (Pirates of 2017) on Saturday, August 17 from 9am-1pm. Are you interested? If so, there's a t-shirt and Dining Hall lunch with your name on it. Contact Lauren Hamblin in the Alumnae Office at lhamblin@wesleyancollege.edu to sign-up.

For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:
csnow@wesleyancollege.edu or lhamblin@wesleyancollege.edu or call the alumnae office at (478) 757-5172.

CLUB facebook

1. **Good Group at Goodwood.** (L-R) Author Kathy Bradley '78 and Tallahassee alumnae hostesses Virginia Barber Perkins '63, Shari Richardson Arrington '71, Martha Herring Stubbs '68, and Ermine Owenby '61 with Ruth Knox.
2. **Global Sisters.** Shristy Chhetri '12 and Alumna Trustee Beverly Mitchell '68 meet in Kathmandu, Nepal.
3. **Social Sisters.** Atlanta Club hostesses (L-R) Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72, Sally Moffett McKenna '75, Julie Adams Hawk '57, Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71, Kathi Hill Goddard '77, and Debbie Stevenson Moses '89 with Ruth Knox.
4. **WOW Day Wesleyannes.** (L-R) Atlanta Club members Jeanie Denton Anderson '55 and Shanita Douglas-Miller '06 serve as Wesleyan volunteer docents at the 2013 Atlanta Symphony Decorators' Show House.
5. **Thanks, Trudie!** Alumnae Director Cathy Coxey Snow '71 thanks Trudie Parker Sessions '65 for hosting the Macon Club Holiday Coffee in her home.
6. **Planning Pirates.** In February, members of the Class of 1965 met on campus with Wesleyan advancement staff to plan for their 50th reunion in 2015.
7. **Golden Isles Hostesses.** (Seated L-R) Adelaide Wallace Ponder '46, Maude Williamson Garner '45 (Back L-R) Laura Johnson Fowler '57, Carol Burt '64, and Heather Poindexter Kennedy '05 celebrate at Marsh's Edge.
8. **Island Sisters.** Golden Isles alumnae ring in the holiday season at St. Simons Island, Georgia.
9. **Valdosta Brunch Buddies.** (L-R) Hostesses Sally Shingler Kurrie '70, Marsha Harris Rudolph '62, Gloria Boyette '60, and Jeannie Nabell Grow '67 welcome speaker and author Kathy Bradley '78 (center).
10. **Let's Do Lunch.** Raleigh area alumnae (L-R) Pamela Henry Pate '71 and Linda Brown Walker '73 capture a sisterhood moment with luncheon speaker Kathy Bradley '78 at the Carolina Country Club.
11. **"Roman" in England.** Alumnae visit Hadrian's Wall. (L-R) Roy and Leslie Rumble Frazer-Villers '70, Ellen Broach '00, and Elizabeth Heard Mallonee '67 enjoyed the Alumnae Association sponsored trip *Treasures of England* in March.
12. **Cheers to the Future.** Wesleyan's newest alumnae, the Pirate Class of 2013, gather at Bradley House for this long-time senior tradition.



Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Betty Hotaling Bland '45 of Georgetown, GA, on the death of her husband, Byron L. Bland, on January 10, 2013.

Polly Phelps Deck '48 of Charlottesville, VA, on the death of her daughter, Sarah Deck Stevens, in December 20, 2012.

Claudia "Tossy" O'Neal Alston '49 of Macon, on the death of her sister, Ellen Peters. Both Tossy and Ellen are great-granddaughters of Dr. W.C. Bass, former President of Wesleyan (1874-1894).

Emily Hancock Bredeson '49 of Pinehurst, NC, on the death of her son, Charles Jefferson Jones, on April 29, 2013.

Martha Groover Staples '49 of Winter Park, FL, on the death of her husband, former Wesleyan Trustee James Courtenay Staples, on April 21, 2013.

Elizabeth "Betty" Smith Moore '50 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Cleon Emerson Moore, on January 11, 2013.

Robin Chesney Hopkins '51 of Bel Air, MD, on the death of her husband, W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr., on December 8, 2012.

Nora Gordon Clarke '52 of Forsyth, GA, on the death of her husband, Justice Harold G. Clarke, former Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, on February 26, 2013.

Madge Hill Sidwell '53 of Hoover, AL, on the death of her husband, Richard Allan Sidwell (Sr.), on May 21, 2013.

Kathryn Parsons Willis '53 and **Ann Parsons Odum '54** of Duluth, GA, on the death of their sister, **Margaret Parsons Andrews '47**, on January 23, 2013.

Dolores English Davidson '54 of Kalamazoo, MI, on the death of her husband, George W. Davidson, on December 10, 2012.

Shirley Swain Register '56 of Valdosta, GA, on the death of her husband, Samuel D. Register, Jr., on April 27, 2013.

Carol Taylor Griffin '57 of Valrico, FL, on the death of her husband, James B. "Jim" Griffin, on November 13, 2012.

Beverly Castle Grant '58 of Tampa, FL, on the death of her husband, David Grant, on November 30, 2012.

Nancy Doss Holcombe '58 of Arizona City, AR, on the death of her sister, Mary Anne Doss Ritch, on November 24, 2012.

Sylvia Anderson Powell '59 of Columbus, GA, on the death of her husband, **Rev. William Oliver Powell '59**, on May 24, 2013.

Anne Holderfield Ficken '60, of Stone Mountain, GA, on the death of her husband The Rev. Dr. Carl F. W. Ficken, IV, on January 8, 2013.

Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60 of Southern Pines, NC, on the death of her mother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, "Miss Julia," on December 9, 2012.

Ellen Weldon Dukes '62 of Austell, GA, on the death of her mother, Margaret Swetnam Weldon, on October 24, 2012.

Susan von Unwerth Overman '62 of Winston Salem, NC, on the death of her husband, Thomas Lewis Overman, on May 19, 2013.

Judy Woodward Gregory '63 of Quincy, FL, on the death of her mother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, "Miss Julia," on December 9, 2012.

Susan Lillyman Hyland '64 of Ft. Myers, FL, on the death of her husband, Francis "Frank" Hyland, on December 16, 2012.

Jane Manley Wheelless '67 of Brevard, NC, on the death of her husband, Douglas Crowder Wheelless, on May 18, 2013.

Sally Duskin Speckles '68 of Cumming, GA, and **Jane Duskin Norman '70** of Lenoir, NC, on the death of their mother, **Frances Jones Duskin '41**, on October 23, 2012.

Susan Woodward Walker '70 of Franklin, TN, on the death of her mother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, "Miss Julia," on December 9, 2012.

Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72 of Jasper, TN, on the death of her mother, Virginia Elizabeth Fitzgerald "Tede" Rogers, on December 24, 2012.

Hale Coble Edwards '73 of Greer, SC, on the death of her sister, Robin Coble Taylor, on November 3, 2012.

Beth Sullins Hughes '75 of Macon, on the death of her father, Hubert Walker Sullins, on April 8, 2013.

Mary Coble Kirkley '75 of Eastman, GA, on the death of her sister, Robin Coble Taylor, on November 3, 2012.

Susan Word Kypreos '75 of Pensacola, FL, on the death of her mother, Mary Florence Word, in September 2012, and her father, Reuben Word, in October 2012.

Henrietta "Henny" Craddock Schoonover '76 of Neptune Beach, FL, on the death of her son, Andrew "Andy" Schoonover, on October 22, 2012.

Josephine Jackson Jones '78 of Auburn, GA, on the death of her son, Ronald L. Jones II, on April 26, 2013.

Nadine Cheek '79 of Macon, on the death of her father, Jesse Dean Cheek, on January 5, 2013.

Wanda Maynard Schroeder '80 of Macon, on the death of her brother, Larry N. Maynard, on December 30, 2012.

Stephanie E. Parker '81 of Atlanta and **Beth Parker Davis '83** of Macon, on the death of their father, Elbert Hines Parker, on March 1, 2013.

Libbie Powell Key '85 of Hamilton, GA, **Billie Powell Flowers '86** of Columbus, GA, and **Christy Powell Garner '90** of Auburn, AL, on the death of their father, **Rev. William Oliver Powell '59**, on May 24, 2013.

Stephanie Hooks Tinkey '88 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Betty Kersey Hammock, on February 28, 2013.

Tara Joyner Haussler '90 of Bonaire, GA, on the death of her mother, **Barbara Louise Lord Joyner '82**, on February 10, 2013.

Aimee Morris Lashley '96 of Macon, on the death of her grandmother and former Alumna Trustee, **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49**, on January 3, 2013.

Alicia "Joy" Smith '99 of Martinez, GA, on the death of her father, Dr. Gerald J. Smith, on November 26, 2012.

Laura-Lee Williams McCranie '00 of Perry, GA, on the death of her great aunt, **Virginia McClellan McCowen '44**, on May 18, 2013.

Adriana Cooper-Jones '01 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Mary Lizzie Cooper Devoe on March 30, 2013.

Courtenay Staples Bunn '05 of Forsyth, GA, on the death of her grandfather and former Wesleyan Trustee, James Courtenay Staples, on April 21, 2013.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Tonya Brown Wilson '90 and Brad of Monroe, GA, on the birth of a son, Josiah Levi, on December 10, 2012.

Phaedra Parks '93 and Apollo Nita of Smyrna, GA, on the birth of a second son on May 8, 2013. Big brother Ayden Adonis is delighted.

Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97 and Joseph of Sandersville, GA, on the adoption of a son, Elijah Jesse McKinnon, on September 20, 2012.

Hope McMichael Pendergrass '03 and Derrick of Macon, on the birth of a son, John-Kyle Corbin Pendergrass, on August 27, 2012.

Erin Zinko McKenna '04 and Will of Marietta, GA, on the birth of a son, Lucas Andrew "Luke" McKenna, on April 5, 2013. Brother Liam (4) is thrilled, as is grandmother **Sally Moffett McKenna '75**.

Heather Poindexter Kennedy '05 and Mark of St. Simons Island, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Riley Rae Kennedy, on February 8, 2013.

Ashley Wheelus McKenna '05 and Moffett of Loganville, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Abigail Morgan McKenna, on February 21, 2013. Brother Patrick (3 ½) and grandmother **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** are very proud.

Sylvia Gonsahn-Bollie '06 and Rodney of Silver Spring, MD, on the birth of a son, Wlahzee "Zee" Karl Blake Bollie, on January 1, 2013. Wlahzee means 'God's own' in Mano, a Liberian dialect.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Janace "Jan" Fender Daughtry-Griffin '59 of Augusta, GA, on her marriage to Paul Griffin, on January 28, 2012.

Jessie Plapinger DuVall '68 of Olympia, WA, on her marriage to Linda Singer on January 12, 2013.

Christina Cote Findley '99 of Lincoln, AL, on her marriage to Robby Findley on October 21, 2012, in Fort Valley, GA.

Donna Wells Graham '04 of Macon, on her marriage to Frank Graham on May 25, 2012.

Carolyn Gregory Colyar '05 on her marriage to Christopher Lee Colyar on April 20, 2013, in Havana, FL.

Cameron Beasley Gilliland '07 of Macon, on her marriage to Timothy Mark "Tim" Gilliland on April 5, 2013.

Jessica Leigh Layne '11 of Macon, on her marriage to Robert H. Malone, IV, on June 8, 2013, at Wesleyan College.

In Memoriam

- 1934 Julia Munroe Woodward
- 1936 Alice Ray Stebbins
- 1940 Elizabeth Graham Campbell
Carol Jones Carlisle
Maudlyn Jewett Markert
Frances Torbert Tilley
- 1941 Frances Jones Duskin
- 1944 Ludah Blanche Sellers Collins
Connie Cranford MacKenzie
Virginia McClellan McCowen
Harriet Elizabeth Branch Stanton
Mary Smith Starr
- 1946 Patricia Markey Shell
Ruth Culpepper Tripp
- 1947 Margaret Parsons Andrews
Mitzi Hyman
Mary Wofford Morris
Betty Shipp Anderson Murphy
Peggy Ann Pangborn Roos
- 1948 Shirley Lowell Blakewood
Katherine Ellison Crain
William H. Klump
Elizabeth Elyea Ward
- 1949 Mary Launius Beauchamp
Wayne Aiken Burdell
Margaret Duckworth Sewell
- 1950 Nann Eldridge Manly
Sadie Murphy Murray
Jeanne Jarvis Williams
- 1951 Anne Purvis Church
Helen Youngblood Kendrick
Joyce Roberts Martin
Leon F. Moburg
- 1953 Patricia Evans Missar
- 1954 Carole Coleman Bruley
- 1955 Janet Pace Holmes
Barbara Embler Kantack
Verna "Lucille" Fossum Porteus
- 1956 Suzette Nash Kopecky
- 1957 Edna Vinson Bullington
Mildred Ammons Fields
- 1958 Joan McCranie Collier
- 1959 Rev. William Oliver Powell
- 1960 Mary McLeod Hudson Selleck
- 1961 Merry Carol Filek Houchard
Harvey Stanley Williams
- 1963 Marguerite Harris Terrell
- 1967 Kathleen Trammell Aad
- 1970 Kathrine "Kit" King Gering
- 1975 Suzanne L. Wadleigh
- 1976 Ruth Dean Waites
- 1979 Sally Brownell Jennings
- 1980 Sara Griffin Perkins Landry
- 1981 Gigi L. de Generes
- 1982 Annette Denise Causey
- 1982 Barbara Lord Joyner
- 1985 Cynthia Brinks Connell
- 1987 Rita Delaney Harris
- 2009 Crystal Belinda Braswell

IN MEMORIAM

BEN HARRIS McCLARY, Ph.D.

JULY 8, 1931 – MAY 18, 2013

Dr. Ben H. McClary, 81, died on May 18, 2013, at his home in East Ridge, TN. A native of Tennessee, Dr. McClary spent his life teaching and learning. He earned his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Tennessee. As a Fulbright Scholar, he received his doctorate in 1966 from the University of Sussex in Hove Sussex, England.

In 1968, Dr. McClary joined the faculty of Wesleyan College where he served as Professor of English from 1968-1971. He served as Cobb Alumnae Professor of English from 1971-1972. Later, Dr. McClary became head of the humanities division at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA. After retiring in 1991, Dr. McClary continued to teach as a visiting professor at Wesleyan.





Class of 1928 (85th reunion)

Annie Mays Larmore



Class of 1938 (75th reunion)

Martha Beaty Ray

▲ 1928 (85th Reunion)

Annie Mays Larmore '28 of Atlanta responded to a standing ovation at the Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association when she was recognized as the oldest alumna (106) attending reunion by thanking the WCAA for honoring her with the first *True, Faithful, and Loyal Award*.

▲ 1938 (75th Reunion)

Martha Beaty Ray '38 of Atlanta was recognized as the oldest alumna (95) attending the Golden Belles Luncheon. Sitting so pretty in purple, she proudly held the PK flag representing the Class of 1938.

1940s

Sara Green Fraley '45 is alive and well! She resides in an assisted living facility in Statesville, NC, where she enjoys resident activities and playing cards all day and night. We send apologies to Sara who was erroneously listed as deceased in the 2012 Alumnae Directory.

Virginia "Ginny" Martin Lawrence '45 of Cincinnati, OH, and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary twice—once at their cottage in Michigan and the second time back home in Cincinnati.

Retired nurse **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** lives in Thomaston, GA, and says she has had a blessed

life. Mary Frances is so pleased about the addition of the Nursing Program and remembers when she entered the Nurse Cadet Corps at Emory University just eleven days after graduating from Wesleyan. She received her B.S. in Nursing in 1947 - 66 years ago! In fall 2013 Mary Frances will be a guest speaker at Wesleyan.

▲ 1948 (65th Reunion)

Marking 65 years of sisterhood, classmates returned to campus from as far away as Pennsylvania and Virginia to the *Oldest and Best* to enjoy a weekend of College and Conservatory memories. Many thanks to **Jane Mobley Dickey**, **Rose Crockett McRae**, and **Anne Whipple Murphey** who served on the reunion committee and hosted a wonderful class party at Idle Hour Country Club. Class members "talked about everything taking place at home, at Wesleyan, and in the world!"

Polly Phelps Deck '48 retired in 2012 after 22 years working as an historical interpreter for Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Foundation in Charlottesville. She has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* - first woman to be elected chair of the board of deacons at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our sympathy to Polly and her husband, David, on the loss of their daughter, Sarah Deck Stevens, in December 2012. Sarah lived in Santa

Fe, NM, and died of throat cancer. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I love driving out to Wesleyan, attending the wonderful musical events, and thinking of all the good times on campus," writes Maconite **Corky Dessau Holliday '48**.

"I was very impressed with Alumnae Weekend and enjoyed the class party," writes **Anne Whipple Murphey '48**. Anne also hosted a family engagement luncheon ("Murphey cousins" party) the same weekend as reunion. "It was a packed full time. All of us were giddy and declared we wouldn't wait so long for the next get together. That's the way I feel about Wesleyan also."

"Charles and I enjoyed my 65th!" reports **Liz Hean Stone '48** of New Cumberland, PA. In October 2012 Liz returned from a wonderful trip to England and in February she took a 13 day cruise to the Caribbean. As she continues to see all the art shows in the New England area, no grass will grow beneath her feet!

Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49 of St. Augustine, FL, is on the mend. "I've almost recovered from my automobile mishap last September - broken neck, arm and hip - still using a cane when walking any distance. I thank God every day that I am alive! To 49ers: Our 65th reunion is next year - make plans to come!"

Concerned about the continuing embargo, **Ruby Layson '49** of Frankfort, KY, traveled to Cuba with

Witness for Peace in April 2012.

Martha Barrett Woodard '49 of Charlotte, NC, proudly reports her youngest grandson's graduation from high school in Athens, GA. She also traveled with her daughter to Las Vegas and Branson, MO, where "the musical shows were awesome!"

1950s

"We will all miss **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49**," laments her cousin **Jeanne Gellerstedt Hicks '50** of Atlanta. "Margaret certainly loved Wesleyan College!"

Hailey James Mayfield was born April 9, 2013, to Nash and Jenny Mayfield of Macon. Proud grandparents are Mel and **Louise Cochran Mayfield '50** of Clarksville, TN.

"My husband, W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr., died December 8, 2012," reports **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51** of Bel Air, MD. "He had been ill for the past two years. He was a retired lawyer and CPA with Monumental Life Insurance Co. in Baltimore. We were married 57 years. I will miss him so." (See *Sympathy*.)

"We like it here," remarks **Ida Few Bigbie Mixon '51** about her new home in Atlanta. She and husband Billy have moved to Lenbrook, a retirement community. "It's a very nice place to be as we grow older."

Eugenia Pierce Young '51 of Nashville, TN, attended her granddaughter's wedding in June.

Class of 1948 (65th reunion)

(L-R) Corky Dessau Holliday, Alice Hicks Boyd, Jane Mobley Dickey, Polly Phelps Deck, Christine Nicholas, Rose Crockett McRae, Liz Hean Stone



She shares that the newlyweds have moved to attend UT Memphis Medical School. Regarding the big event: "Lots of family there and a beautiful wedding - intimate and sweet - and emotional."

Many thanks to **Claire Michaels Murray '52** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, who gifted the College's archival dress collection with her Wesleyan recital dress designed and made by her mother. Claire is a violinist who wore this beautiful sequined dress with floral embroidery for many musical performances.

▲1953 (60th Reunion)

College and Conservatory reunion committee members **Edwina Hall Beall**, **Frances Bruce Van Horn**, and **Madge Hill Sidwell** reminded classmates to set sail for a fun-filled 60th at Wesleyan. Class members had much to celebrate as they partied at Edwina's home and cheered for two Alumnae Award recipients from their class, **Kathryn Parsons Willis** and **Lucia Hutchinson Peel Powe**, who were honored at the Annual Meeting. Their applause continued as organist and pianist **Susan Thigpen McDuffie** represented their class at the Celebration Concert.

From Marietta, GA, **Merrilyn Welch Eastham '53** writes, "I'm so disappointed that I was unable to attend reunion! Our granddaughter, Samantha Burt, married in Auburn,

AL, that same weekend! I MISSED seeing everyone. Best wishes to all my 1953 classmates! I know you had such FUN... surely being together brought back fabulous memories of our time at Wesleyan."

"Wish I could have been with you classmates. Hope you had a happy reunion! I was at the U.S. Federal Courts meeting in Williamsport, PA, to honor my late husband, Federal Judge James F. McClure, with the unveiling of his portrait," reports **Betty Lou Barber McClure '53** from Lewisburg, PA.

Joan Jennings Norton '53 of Green Cove Springs, FL, is green with envy. Daughter **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, a USALR journalism and mass media professor, set up bilingual exchange programs abroad last summer, spending time in London, Paris, Rome, and Barcelona. In January 2013, the International Humanities Council invited Jeanne to present research on an ancestor at the Council's convention in Honolulu.

Retired R.N. **Joan Pritchard Smith '53** lives in Savannah, GA, and has been married to husband Robert for 57 years. Together they have five married children, two adopted daughters, 15 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Caroline "Caro" Eagerton Upperco '53 enjoyed being with classmates at reunion. Caroline lives in Wilson, NC, where she is a retired math teacher.

"The highlight of reunion for my husband and me was witnessing Wesleyan's transformation under the leadership of our dynamic **President Ruth Knox**," says **Elaine Wood Whitehurst '53**. "The Munroe Science Center and new nursing facilities were awesome! Thanks, Munroe Girls! The Confucius Institute, Taylor Hall, landscaping improvements - what a change from a few years ago. Any alumna would swell with pride after a visit to campus!" A retired attorney, Elaine works almost full time in community service. She is proud of her work in Highlands, NC, where she founded two programs for area school children: The Performing Arts Center Youth Theatre Program and Kelsey Kids (an interactive program focusing on life in historic Highlands).

"I have just now retired from our family business, Parsons, after working full time for 60 years. Retirement is wonderful!" says **Kathryn Parsons Willis '53** from Duluth, GA. Congratulations to Kathryn who was a 2013 alumnae award recipient. (See Page 49).

"Sydney and I enjoy 'Mystery Trips' with H2U, a senior group at Macon Coliseum Hospital. We recently enjoyed a guided tour of the Augusta Canal after lunch at the Old Market Place. Later we had dessert at The Potted Geranium Tea Parlor in Greensboro, GA," writes **Nan Miller Freeman '54** from her home in Sparta, GA.

Leah Wallat Odden '54 and husband Red live in Largo, FL, when they're not traveling. In August they took a fabulous Baltic Sea cruise. "We visited many countries we had not seen before - Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Finland. It was a whirlwind tour, but thoroughly enjoyable. Next is the Panama Canal!"

"The children and I lost Joe (Rev. Joseph Porterfield.) on December 30, 2011," writes **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** of Savannah, GA. "He was a wonderful father and husband. I was so gratified that Wesleyan was well represented at his funeral."

"As of December of 2012, I now have seven great-grandchildren," boasts **Helen Horne Sweigert '55** from Alpharetta, GA. "I am so blessed also to be in touch often with 1955 classmates **Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards**, **Cynthia Coleman Scott**, **Joyce Caldwell Bryan**, and **Jeanie Denton Anderson**."

"Johnny and I moved to Atlanta in August 2012," reports **Martha Kennedy Gay '56**. "It was a most daunting experience after living in Scottsboro, AL, in the same house for 42 years. We moved to be closer to our children and grandchildren."

Barbara Barnes Sims '56 of Baton Rouge, LA, lectured this year on a celebrity cruise line river boat and also at Chautauqua Institute in New York State.



Class of 1953 (60th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Grace Maxwell Sparrow, Lucia Hutchinson Peel Poe, Kathryn Parsons Willis, Edwina Hall Beall, Susan Thigpen McDuffie, Mary Treisback Argalas **Row 2:** Bebe Jarrell Oetjen, Frances Bruce Van Horn, Jean Nixon Gaby, Claire Houser-Dodd, Caroline Eagerton **Upperco Row 3:** Ann Harrell Saunders

"What a wonderful time we, the Class of 1957, had at our 55th Reunion in April 2012!" shares **Julie Adams Hawk '57** of Flowery Branch, GA. "I'm still getting 'just keeping in touch' emails from classmates. Bert and I are still kicking. Our two adult children are doing well. Greetings to all classmates!"

▲1958 (55th Reunion)

PKs celebrated "Happy Days" (complete with their very own leather-jacketed Fonzie and theme song as initiated by **Medra Lott Keyser**) when they paraded into Porter Auditorium, led traditionally by **Jane Howard Reinmuth**. Reunion committee members **Nina Sheppard Terrell**, **Eleanor Adams Lane**, and **Emily Hardman Dickey** set the stage for a weekend of sharing sisterhood. Classmates enjoyed **Gloria Barwick Szokoly's** performance as "Miss Daisy" at the Celebration Concert as well as two class parties (hosted by Eleanor and Emily) that provided "knight time" for "catching-up." Waving custom designed PK fans at the Annual Meeting, classmates were proud of Alumnae Award recipient **Clarice Pittman Elder**, their 2nd place recognition for class gift (\$55,000), and 3rd place status for participation (33.33%).

Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58 of Round Rock, TX, started her bucket list with a delightful trip to Alaska in May 2012, which was also

her first cruise! While in the Seattle area, she called her (senior year) roommate, **Mary Cooper Braun**, and had a wonderful phone visit.

Medra Lott Keyser '58 of Fernandina Beach, FL, proudly reports the birth of a second great-grandson, Easton Tripp Arnold, who arrived in August 2012. "Easton's grandparents are my daughter, **Laura Wallace Arnold '79**, and husband **Jim**." Medra also remembers the late **Neva Langley Fickling '55**. "Neva was a senior when I was a freshman. My classmates and I were in awe of the beautiful Miss America in our midst. She had a special 'air' of serenity and loving eyes. I will miss her."

"We were out of the country during Alumnae Weekend and had to miss the PK's 55th reunion," reports **Mary Reese Myers '58** from Gainesville, GA.

Anne McGee Morganstern '58 of Columbus, OH, promotes a new book! "My new book, *High Gothic Sculpture at Chartres Cathedral, the Tomb of the Count of Joigny, and the Master of the Warrior Saints* (Penn State University Press, 2011), appeared in February. I just finished supervising the translation of chapter one into French for a provincial French journal."

Lorena Campbell Piper '58 of Jennings, FL, thanks the Alumnae Office for a beautiful reunion weekend. "Everything was so organized and ready for us. I am

so pleased to see Wesleyan moving forward to the future using the best of the past to pass on our traditions. You are in good hands, so keep up the high ideals Wesleyan has always promoted."

From Longview, TX, **Joan Nachbaur Rathbun '58** shares "Loving life... enjoying good memories of schools and friends over the years... having fun times with my children and my grandchildren. Life is good. What a blessing!"

"My husband, Donald, and I continue to reside in Sacramento, CA, where we volunteer for the Annual Music Festival. We have been traveling in the last few years and will continue to do so in coming years," writes **Jane Howard Reinmuth '58**.

Classmates are proud of **Louise Sawyer Whipple '58** of Staunton, VA, who was named one of the Virginia Interfaith Center's 30 Social Justice Makers. These awards, created on the occasion of the Center's 30th Anniversary, honor Virginians who have worked on behalf of the needy and vulnerable. Louise also has been very active in Bread for the World. Her sister, **Emily Sawyer Hart '56**, is proud of Louise, too!

In Greenville, SC, "Life is good... so much to be thankful for; I must be a cockeyed optimist," says **Harriett Johnson Bell '59**.

1960s

Dr. Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York '60 of Panama City, FL, stays busy as a mentor for the National Endowment for the Humanities at four colleges. She also serves on a Kettering Foundation team coordinating efforts with the Nunez Foundation in Cuba to address environmental concerns for the Gulf of Mexico.

Kudos and many thanks to **Jackie Turner Bailey '61** of Austell, GA, who co-chaired the Celebration Concert held during Alumnae Weekend. A favorite event of the weekend, the Concert highlighted reunion class musicians, current music faculty, students, and included a special reunion of the 1977 "White House Wesleyannes," directed by Concert Co-chair **Casey Thurman '65**.

By now, **Betsy Lester Dillard '61** of St. Simons Island, GA, has relocated. "Scott and I have bought a house in the lovely little town of Luray, VA." Betsy plans on returning several weeks each winter to St. Simons to visit with her children and friends and is looking forward to enjoying the best of two worlds - the mountains and the beach!

For the past year, **Sheila Leto Scott '61** has written a column for the *Panama City News Herald* every Sunday. "My Class of 1961 classmates encouraged me. It has been great fun. Thanks, friends!"

"Our 50th year reunion in 2012 was great, but we missed some of

Class of 1958 (55th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Nina Beth Sheppard Terrell, Medra Lott Keyser, Clarice Pittman Elder, Julia Stillwell Ketcham **Row 2:** Beulah Laslie Brinson, Gloria Barwick Szokoly, Nancy Peterson Shaw, Eleanor Adams Lane, Beverly Castle Grant **Row 3:** Martha Carter Middlemas-Bryant, Mary Louise Rose Ackerman, Marie Girardeau Russell, Louise Sawyer Whipple **Row 4:** Lorena Campbell Piper, Jane Howard Reinmuth, Betty Nunn Mori, Emily Hardman Dickey



our former classmates due to illness," shares **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** from Littleton, CO. "I am very proud of our Purple Knights of '62 for being the first Wesleyan class to become 'Friends of Pierce Chapel.'"

A 1963 (50th Reunion) Celebrating 50 years of "golden" friendships, the Class of '63 returned to Wesleyan for a sisterhood moment in time. Reunion Chair **Karen Connor Shockley** and her committee members **Cecilia McDaniel Brock**, **Sylvia Maxwell Brown**, **Peggy Craig Bryant**, **Judy Woodward Gregory**, **Diane Lumpkin**, **Charlotte Thomas Marshall**, **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer**, and **Joyce Brandon Starr**, planned for a weekend filled with memories and more. Trustee **Lynda Pfeiffer** opened the weekend and welcomed classmates to the Golden Belles Luncheon, and Trustee **Judy Gregory** gave the invocation recognizing the gifts and blessings of sisterhood that classmates continued to share at two class parties. With brightly colored "GH" necklaces adorning their attire, these Golden Girls led the Parade of Classes with **Renate Butler Ryan** and **Ann Ewing Shumaker** serving as Grand Marshals. At the Annual Meeting class members stood tall when Alumnae Award Recipient **Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams** was honored and when they took 1st place for giving the largest reunion

class gift - (more than \$76,000) that included a fountain aerator for Foster Lake, a medication dispenser for the Nursing Program, and the restoration of "Emily," one of Wesleyan's treasured paintings. Class members proudly joined in the tribute to "**Miss Julia**" **Munroe Woodward '34**, mother of classmate **Judy Gregory**. **Peggy Bryant** prepared a special *Morning Watch* worship service liturgy that included current students, Wesleyan Disciples, and music played by **Myra Hicks Korb** that brought the 50th reunion to a close.

Retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for ten years now, **Sylvia Hutchinson Bell '63** of Tucker, GA, stays busy enjoying her seven grandchildren (ages 8-19) and traveling with her husband. Last winter all 15 family members enjoyed a ski trip. This year they have been focused on her husband's health. "We're very involved with Emory University Healthcare as Family and Patient-Centered-Care Advisors," writes Sylvia.

"I moved from Florence, KY, back to Cumming, GA, in December 2012. It's good to be back near my sons and their families (five grandchildren) and my friends and family in Georgia. I live about a mile from **Peggy Craig Bryant '63**. We have lots of fun together," writes **Cecilia McDaniel Brock '63**.

Peggy Craig Bryant '63 still enjoys singing in several choral groups - church Chancel Choir, Cumming Playhouse Singers and CPS Ensemble, and Michael O'Neal Summer Singers. She retired from Forsyth Central High School (Special Ed teacher) but still substitutes there, and recently traveled with art students to Italy and France.

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wingfield Dick '63 and Jeff will celebrate their 50 wedding anniversary on August 20, 2013. They moved in June from Louisville, KY, to Riverview, FL, to be closer to family. "I look forward to being closer to Wesleyan, too," writes Bitsy. Bitsy retired from full time education two years ago after 40 years - 22 as a high school English teacher and 18 as an instructional support consultant for teachers.

Julia "Judy" Woodward Gregory '63 and Scott celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on June 6th. She loves having eight grandchildren, living in Quincy, FL, and Man-O-War, Abaco, Bahamas, and serving as a Wesleyan Trustee. "My two brothers, three sisters, and I miss mother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, and coming together as a family to care for her. I loved living in Quincy close to her and being with her so much. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** and I are in Colonial Dames together." Judy has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* - the first woman elected deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Quincy. (See *Sympathy*.)

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority has a new sister and **Mary Goss Hughes '63** of Auxvasse, MO, has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* - as the first in her class to belong to ADPi! Given honorary initiation due to her graduation from Wesleyan, she is member of Delta Nu Chapter at Southeast Missouri State University. Mary is a retired vocational education administrator.

Musician **Myra (Dell) Hicks Korb '63** is organist at First Presbyterian in Brunswick, GA. She took up harp six years ago and plays for nursing homes, assisted living homes, and schools. She also volunteers for Heartland Hospice.

Charlotte Thomas Marshall '63 of Athens, GA enjoyed reunion events. "The Concert was ever so special. I hope it will be a standard feature of Alumnae Weekend, celebrating the talents of Wesleyannes. The campus was as pretty as I've ever seen it. I want to compliment the Alumnae Office staff for a great weekend." Charlotte's husband, George, passed away in September. "He was 90 1/2 and in the process of being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We'd been married 45 years and were best friends and partners. At 71, I am at another new beginning in life while somewhat overwhelmed with the business of closing out a life." (See *Sympathy*, Winter 2012 Magazine).

Virginia Barber Perkins '63 and John Earle Perkins have been married for 49 years and have two sons, John E. Perkins IV and



Class of 1963 (50th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** (seated) Cecilia McDaniel Brock and Nancy Williams Clarke

Row 2: (standing) Renate Butler Ryan, Diane Lumpkin, Cindy Speake Mynatt, Helen Gnann Byars, Becky Bullard Powers, Sylvia Hutchinson

Bell, Peggy Craig Bryant, Karen Connor Shockley **Row 3:** Barbara Johnston Plaxico, Sylvia Maxwell Brown, Charlotte Thomas Marshall **Row 4:** Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams, Judy Woodward Gregory, Beth Wilson Arnold, Sally Irwin Williams, Joyce Brandon Starr, Mary Jean Campbell

Row 5: Mary Goss Hughes, Bitsy Wingfield Dick, Ann Ewing Shumaker, Virginia Barber Perkins, Myra Dell Hicks Korb, Judy Davis Connell, Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer

Lewis Barber Perkins, and two grandchildren, John E. V (4 1/2) and Julia (2). A former English teacher, Virginia has been an active church and community volunteer. She chaired the now completed needlepoint project (all pew and altar kneelers) at St. John's Episcopal in Tallahassee, FL, for the past 16 years. She helped organize an Interfaith Book Club (St. John's Episcopal and Temple Israel) to foster education about the Holocaust, served on the Vestry, Jr. League, Colonial Dames (with **Judy Woodward Gregory '63**), and is a watercolor artist.

"We continue to enjoy retirement in Idaho. Our two sons live in California and each one has two children. Matt and I were delegates to the state Democratic Convention. I have rejoined AAUW," reports **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63**. Lynda also serves as a Wesleyan Trustee.

"My daughter, a pre-school teacher, has blessed me with three wonderful grandchildren. My son is a Captain in the Navy and his wife, also a Captain, is the first female to command a guided missile cruiser, the USS Bunker Hill. They have twin boys (3). I still live in Miami and often have guest musicians stay with me when they are performing in town. Another blessing – after being widowed for over ten years, I have a special man in my life," writes **Renate Butler Ryan '63**. Renate is an interior designer and has two

WESLEYAN FIRSTS - she was in the first class of women to attend graduate school at Harvard and receive a degree from Harvard. She is also the first woman member of the Miami Men's Opera Guild.

"Since my husband's death, I've been busy, busy, with my daughter, Elizabeth, and granddaughters Amanda (14) and Sarah (10)," reports **Ann Ewing Shumaker '63** from Columbia, SC. "We went to NYC for Thanksgiving and did it all – parade, Rockettes, *Lion King*, etc.! We also visited Hyde Park, West Point, and my childhood home in Kingston, NY. My girls enjoyed the Wesleyan reunion in April; we all hope to travel more in the future."

Now free to travel and volunteer after teaching for 32 years in DeKalb County, Atlanta resident **Joyce Brandon Starr '63** is enjoying retirement. An education specialist, she says that working with ESDL children was both challenging and rewarding. She and husband Robert have two sons who live nearby in Atlanta and Wilmington, NC.

After 40 years in education, **Sally Irwin Williams '63** is enjoying retirement. "Luke and I have been on an African safari and took a Mediterranean cruise to Egypt, the Holy Lands, and Greece. We attended high school in Heidelberg, Germany, and are active with our high school alumni committee. The American School in Heidelberg is closing this year so we have been

invited to the last graduation in June. When not traveling, Sally calls Simpsonville, SC, home.

Congratulations to **Linda Eaker Hall '64** and her husband, Eris, from Dunwoody, GA, who celebrated 50 years of marriage in June.

Sharon Smith Pizzo '65 of Tampa, FL, proudly announces the birth of a fourth grandson this past year. "Sorry, no future Wesleyannes!" The proud grandmother is having so much fun with her grandsons (ages 7, 5, 4, and 1) but spending a lot of time with trucks and other vehicles!

Linda Segler Reynolds '65 of Spanish Fort, AL, misses her husband, Lewis, who passed away August 2, 2011. (See *Sympathy*, Summer 2012).

Dee Thompson Monahan '67 still travels from Florida to Ohio to be with Jim's mom (99) and her folks in Gainesville and in Babson Park, where she lives. "It's Orange Blossom time! All is well. I'll attend my high school 50th this summer!" writes Dee.

Kasey Carneal Phillips '67 of Opelika, AL, writes that she will be a grandmother for the first time. Daughter Currie and her husband are expecting in June.

▲ 1968 (45th Reunion)

It was a record breaking weekend to remember for the Great Green Knights of 1968! As "green stars" of the weekend they had the most classmates (47) attend reunion.

Thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs

Susan Cobleigh and **Susan Swain Goger** for keeping class members up-to-date with emails and the latest news of "who's coming." GKs applauded **Jana Witham Janeway's** performance at the Celebration Concert and when they took 3rd place for their class gift (\$37,000) and 2nd place in participation (39.23%)! Many, many thanks to **Mary Jo Fincher Plowden**, who hosted a great GK gabfest party (again!) with help from **Jane Price Claxton**. Will the GKs hit 50 for their 50th? Stay tuned.

Taffy Pate Atkinson '68 of Bay City, TX, was unable to attend reunion because she recently had a stroke while visiting her daughter in Tucson. She reports, "I'm fine now. I haven't had any pain and no side effects. My goal is to make the best of this and move on. For the present, my family would like for me to limit my travel until all medical issues are resolved. All of you are in my thoughts and I truly wish I could have been there to enjoy the festivities with all of you. Much love to the Class of '68."

"I got married in September 2011 to a Yankee after losing my first husband in 2004. I've had fun 'Southernizing' him with my cooking," reports **Jane Kappel Ashley '68** from Sparta, GA.

"Oh, hallelujah! What a fabulous time I had at our GK45! We all picked up right where we left off

Class of 1968 (45th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Susan Swain Goger, Bunny Eddy Lancaster, Susan Cobleigh, Beth Rogero Bowen, Betsy Martin Bunte, Judy Floyd Smith, Pris Gautier Bornmann, Martha Pafford Schindhelm, Ginger Sanders White, Ellen Beard Martin **Row 2:** Jane Kappel Ashley, Mary Abbott Waite, Katherine Wilson Johnson, Andgelia Proctor Kelly, Cheryl Maund Page, Ginna Larson Schneider, Jo Slover Smith, Marsha Fernald Sichveland, Katherine Dickert Huffstetler, Ina Davis Temple, Jean Barkley Russell **Row 3:** Sara Walters Ingram, Vicki Page Jaus, Babs Batson Ferrell, Gail Fulton Murphy, Lash Lawton Woodcock, Martha Herring Stubbs, Jana Witham Janeway, Liz Reith Wyman, Mary Ann Ward Dudley **Row 4:** Nancy Lowe Taylor, Helen Jackson Burgin, Sally Duskin Speckels, Ruth Anne Gray Randolph, Brenda Wilholt Elebash, Judy Davis Powell, Mary Jo Fincher Plowden **Row 5:** Lynn Hays Davis, Babs Richardson Pirkle, Peggy Graham Holland, Evie Birmingham, Jane Price Claxton, Mary Ann Bateman Spell, Beverly Mitchell



after what seemed like just a longer-than-usual summer vacation. I loved attending two English classes in the same Tate classroom, I think, where Miss Munck taught. Our class hollered – at appropriate times – at the Alumnae Meeting and loved singing the Doxology before lunch. We enjoyed our party at Mary Jo's and most of all – spending time with one another. Thanks to 'The Susans' who planned a great reunion. I'm not sure I can wait till our 50th before I see my GK friends again! Meanwhile, Lou and I look forward to travel, church work, and spending time with our three daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren (ages 9-3). I enjoy part-time work at Kennesaw State Univ. as a supervisor for English education and student teachers," writes **Betsy Martin Bunte '68**.

Susan Cobleigh '68 says the past five years have brought significant changes to her life. "After being 'single' for 13 years, I am happily in a relationship with George de Man; we will celebrate five years together this fall. We have known each other for 36 years, and his two sons and my two daughters have known each other since preschool! We enjoy travel, art, gardening, and being with family and friends. My granddaughter, Violet, was born in 2010; she is a continuous source of joy. Since retiring in July 2012, I volunteer at Historic Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta and at Decatur Visitors Center in my hometown. I

take courses at Emory University's Lifelong Learning Institute.

On December 6, 2012, the voters of WA State approved the Marriage Equality Law. On January 12, 2013, after a 25 and ½ year "engagement," **Jessie Plapinger DuVall '68** and her partner Linda Singer were married at their home in Olympia, WA, surrounded by friends and family celebrating this joyous occasion. (See *Marriages*.)

Nancy McMeen Freeman '68 of Marietta, GA, celebrated the marriage of her daughter on October 13, 2012, at Rosemary Beach, FL. "It was a weekend filled with love and we will always cherish the magical memories."

"Forty-five years after graduation, I am working at a Classical Christian School in Opelika, AL, teaching Latin to 4th - 8th graders and working with delightful faculty. The credentials Wesleyan gave me were versatile since I majored in physical education and could still apply principles learned from that major to what I am doing now. Posting about reunion on FB, I found another Wesleyanne, **Stacey Collins Wolanek '87**, who is the mother of one of my students! I also take care of the Mom who made so many sacrifices to send me to Wesleyan. I am blessed to be loving two children, their spouses, and the six grandchildren they have given me," emails **Sara**

Walters Ingram '68.

Katherine Wilson Johnson '68 of Macon is a grandmother – again! Son Walker and wife Christie had a son, Walker Pitts Johnson IV, on March 9, 2013. Big sister Mia (5) is thrilled.

"Our recent 45th reunion was such fun. It was great seeing our friends of 49 years since we arrived on the Wesleyan campus. The whole weekend had us looking forward to our next reunion - 50! Hail Wesleyan, the 'Oldest and Best!'" writes **Andgelia Proctor Kelly '68** of Macon.

"Reunion just couldn't have been better!" writes **Ellen Beard Martin '68** from Greenville, SC. From the lovely brochure (*Uncommon Women on Common Ground*) to the well-planned on-campus events, to our party at Mary Jo's on Saturday night - it was a delight to all and left me feeling very proud to be a Wesleyanne. We loved attending Dr. Martin's American Literature class. I'm already looking forward to the BIG 50!"

In February, Alumna Trustee **Beverly Mitchell '68** traveled to Nepal to attend a wedding. She writes, "To experience and be a part of a traditional wedding in a small village where no foreigners have ever been for such an occasion made the experience one of those rare lifetime events." While in Kathmandu, Beverly caught up with **Shristy Chhetri '12** who works as director of communications for a hotel boutique

and has a one hour radio show on Saturday mornings. Beverly also enjoyed a 4-day visit to Seoul where she "combed the city for its museums and ancient palaces."

Babs Richardson Pirkle '68 of Alpharetta, GA, is grateful to Wesleyan. "What an incredible, almost spiritual, joy-filled Alumnae Weekend! The bonds the Great Green Knight Class of 1968 forged over 45 years ago remain incredibly, indelibly, strong today! I have had several careers, but wife, Mom, and 'Grammy' are roles I rejoice in and was destined to play. Thank you, Wesleyan... for growing me, strengthening me, and preparing me for life!"

"I am an associate professor of marketing at Virginia Union University. Robert is editing *Virginia Business Magazine*. Our older daughter, Susannah, is working at the Pentagon with the Army's office of Foreign Affairs after three years in Ukraine with the Peace Corps and study in Russia. Our younger daughter, Lydia, is finishing her second year of medical school at Johns Hopkins," emails **Dr. Judy Davis Powell '68** from Richmond, VA.

"I have missed all of my darling Green Knight buddies," reports **Jo Slover Smith '68** of Tampa, FL, who was glad to 'touch toes' with all of them at reunion in April.

"Many regrets that I was unable to attend the 45th reunion. Please know that my thoughts and prayers were with all my sisters. Family



Class of 1973 (40th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Nannette Coco, Anne Thornton Reynolds, Carroll Ricketson Bolton, Miriam McElheney Jordan, Kathy Olson **Row 2:** Linda Brown Walker, Deb Monds Davis, Carol Bacon Kelso, Weize Anne Hayes Wright, Kay Bell Turner, Becky Read Sullivan, Adriane Kelly Wood **Row 3:** Kathy Amidon MacGregor, Hale Coble Edwards, Connie Burkhalter Hood, Natalie Ryan Gemmill, Ginny Slack. **Row 4:** Mary Graham Ponder Foster, Elizabeth Lilly, Caron Griffin Morgan, Janice Mays, Marsha Lynn Christy, Debi Henderson Hoobler.

circumstances had to be priority this year. My hope is to be there for the 50th!" writes **Anne Roberts Spring '68** from Decatur, GA.

"My husband, Perry, retired in December 2012, so he's taking it easy for now. I stay busy in my current profession of being "Nana" and caregiver to two fabulous grandchildren – Carrigan Grace (8) and Tristan (nearly 5). It's not work, it's my pleasure. Grandchildren are just that – GRAND! Life is good! Daughter **Megan '02** is busy with travel nursing and is in Hawaii for the 2nd time in the past year. With her schedule we don't see her often but we do enjoy spending time with the rest of the family when we can," writes **Ina Davis Temple '68** from Macon.

Dr. Mary Abbott Waite '68 of Atlanta enjoys singing in the Festival Singers of Atlanta with **Katie Sadler Stephenson '00** and **Bethany Rowan Underwood '00**. FSA specializes in a cappella music and is in its 31st season.

She retired in May 2012 and now **Stephanie Cheney Hendry '69** of Cocoa, FL, is looking forward to the birth of a grandbaby. Stephanie had been an elementary school teacher for 42 years.

Attorney **Pat Ondo Snyder '69** of Columbus, OH, has just received her master's degree in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and is developing resilience training programs for lawyers.

Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg '69 of Camillus, NY, was guest conductor for a 900 voice Women's Choir Festival in Fairfax County, VA, and for ACDA Children's Choir Festival in New York state. She is a consultant for non-profit organizations and also conducts the Syracuse University Women's Choir, celebrating 125 years of "Women in Song" during the 2012-13 academic year.

1970s

"I've had three vertebrae in my neck done and have no feeling in my hands, yet!" reports **Nancy Conner Coxwell '70** from Fernandina Beach, FL.

After her father's death in 2011, **Pat Hammock Wall '70** of Macon has been spending more time in North Carolina where her two sons and four grandchildren live. "The little ones range in ages from 7 to 2. We conducted our first 'Camp Ana' (their name for me) last summer in the NC mountains."

For the past six years, **Susan Woodward Walker '70** has served as regent of the Old Glory Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Franklin, TN. At the Tennessee State DAR Conference in April (2013) her chapter was recognized with an outstanding achievement in almost every category, placing 1st in many of these! Under Susan's leadership chapter membership doubled to 168 members and active participation in chapter activities increased as

well. Congratulations to Susan who was confirmed at the conference as president of the Tennessee Chapter Regents Club, vice-president of the State Chairmen's Club, and state chairman of Public Relations & Media.

Mary Elizabeth Norman Huguley '72 lives in West Point, GA, and reports enjoying her six grandchildren.

▲1973 (40th Reunion)

Pirates opened a treasure trove of memories during Alumnae Weekend. Captain of the 1973 crew and Reunion Chair **Linda Brown Walker** and Co-chair **Carol Bacon Kelso** made sure plans were in ship-shape order when classmates returned to campus to celebrate all things "red!" Classmates partied hard for two nights – at Bradley House and at the Cabin, where hostesses **Adriane Kelly Wood** and **Carol Kelso** made sure the parties held true to form with lots of laughter and good cheer. The Class was honored at the Annual Meeting for having the highest giving participation rate of all reunion classes at 42.19%!

John and **Sharon Lynch Bond '73** have lived in Phippsburg on the coast of Maine for three years. "I love small-town living. I play frequently for our Congregational Church and occasionally sell my paintings and drawings. Son David is a sergeant in the Air Force, about to go to

Afghanistan for his 3rd deployment. I'd love to hear from some of you!"

"Enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion!" writes **Marsha Lynn Christy '73** of Perry, GA. Now retired, Marsha was director of the Houston County Public Library. She has two granddaughters, Anna Cait (4) and Caroline (8 months).

"Happy 40th! Wish I could be there in person," emails **Lynn Branton Delong '73** from Novi, MI, where she and husband Jack have lived for seven years. Lynn works for a Montessori school and has introduced her northern friends to grits and lots of Southern expressions! Both of her daughters are married. Cathlin and husband Bert live in Cincinnati. Daughter Beth and her husband, Zack, live in Greenville, SC. Lynn even has a granddog, Emma! Lynn keeps in touch with **Cathy VanFleit McIntyre '73**. "I'll be in Sullivan's Island, SC, in June if anyone is down that way. Give me a call."

"In June 2013, **Mary Graham Ponder Foster '73** and husband Jim moved from Fort Lauderdale, FL, to St. Simons Island, GA, where her mother and father live.

Dr. Miriam McElheney Jordan '73 reports that son Wiley and his wife, **Sonya '07** (master's degree from Wesleyan), have moved back to Monticello, GA. Wiley is an emergency/trauma physician in Macon. Son Alex serves in the Peace Corps in Tanzania.

Class of 1978 (35th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Darla Grinstead McKenzie, Pam Risi, Wendy Coffman MacMahon, Anne Scarborough Hughes, Janet Keys, Casey Thurman ('65), Julie St. John Thornton, Candice Muehlbauer Shockley **Row 2:** Connie Newman Allen, Nancy McDonald Terhorst, Judy Day Powell, Stephanie Wilson Sedlar, Leigh Lambert Goff **Row 3:** Kathy Bradley, Patilee Tate, Carol Bell Melton, Dawn Sapp Taylor **Row 4:** Rebecca Tatman Klase, Laura Shippey Gafnea, Millie Smith Beverly, Janet Ort, Mary Dunn Griffin **Back Row:** Kathy Harvin Gibbs, Bryndis Roberts, Deb Howington Carraway, Janet Rumler Brooks, Carol Hindman Butler, Laurinda Murphy Norris, Cathy Bradach Rockoff, Janet Williams Sills



From Marietta, GA, **Anne Thornton Reynolds '73**, shares wedding news. Son Mark, who works for Delta in Atlanta, will marry Leland Hollowell in October 2013. They are both Wofford College grads. Anne's daughter, Emily, teaches kindergarten in Charlotte. Anne is director of organizational development at Mohawk Home, a division of Mohawk Industries.

"Please give my love and best wishes to everyone," writes **Susan Paul Tyler '73** from Florence, KY, who was unable to attend reunion due to graduate school classes. Susan is working on her PhD in educational studies from the University of Cincinnati, where she also works as director of continuing medical education at the med school. "I have loved being back in school, but it has been a long haul. I hope to finish in fall 2015."

"My mother went to Wesleyan in 1928!" writes **Marian Elliott Lewis '74** of Macon. "She did not graduate, but she always loved Wesleyan and was so pleased that I loved it, too, and graduated in 1974!"

Patty Stillwagon Kessler '74 says there's no place like home. "On December 30, 2012, I retired from a long career flying jets, the last 25 years at FedEx Express. After so much time seeing the world, I'm looking forward to being home (Eads, TN) long enough to have a dog and a garden."

"Retirement (in 2012) is wonderful!" reports **Carol Goodloe '75** from Arlington, VA.

It's been a rough year for **Susan Word Kypreos '75**. "Unfortunately, both of my parents, Reuben and Mary Florence Word of Carrollton, GA, passed in 2012. My mother in September, and my dad in October. On a happier note, our son, Nicholas, received his Ph.D. in physics. He and his wife now work in Seattle, WA. I'm still teaching music in Pensacola, and Spiro is busy with his law practice, so we're adjusting to 'empty-nest syndrome.' We're not grandparents yet, but hope springs eternal!"

From Atlanta **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** shares her excitement about the arrival of two grandchildren. "One of them, Abigail Morgan (whose mother is **Ashley Wheelus McKenna '05**), is a future Wesleyanne; the other, Lucas Andrew "Luke" McKenna (whose mother is **Erin Zinko McKenna '04**), is going to have to marry one!" (See Births.)

Jane Smith McCain '77 of Waverly Hall, GA, pays tribute to her mother. "My mother, Effie L. Smith, passed away on December 20, 2011. She sacrificed a lot so I could go to Wesleyan. She was a very strong woman!"

Wesleyan Alumnae Association Treasurer **Lynn Moses '77** of Macon was a Fiscal Fitness convocation speaker in March 2013. Lynn spoke to students about job skills for the

ideal job. Lynn is sales manager for Georgia Power Central Region.

▲1978 (35th Reunion)
According to Reunion Chair **Janet Keys**, the PKs of 1978 "purpled" at their 35th. Co-chairs **Leigh Lambert Goff** and **Judy Day Powell** helped make PK spirits soar throughout the weekend and especially at the perfectly-purple-pleasing class party held at the Cabin. The Celebration Concert was the place to be for '78ers when **Kathy Bradley** read from her new book, **Nancy McDonald Terhorst** performed at the piano, and PK members of the White House Wesleyannes (**Carol Bell**, **Jeanne Crosby Freeman**, **Laura Shippey Gafnea**, **Janet Ort**, and **Judy Day Powell**) sang. At the Annual meeting classmates were proud of Trustee **Bryndis Roberts** and cheered for classmate **Anne Scarborough Hughes** who received an Alumnae Award (along with her daughter **M. Elizabeth '06**). Proud of the 35 classmates who attended, PKs had reason to celebrate day and "knight!"

"I divorced this year, but have purchased a beautiful new home," writes **Jeri Ellis Crowell '78** of Macon. "I continue to teach graduate school in counseling and love my job!"

According to **Kathy Harvin Gibbs '78** in Stockbridge, GA, life is good. "I'm looking forward to retiring after 30 years in education!"

I plan to do all of those things I have been putting off. So great to see everybody at reunion!"

"Thank you my PK sisters for coming to reunion. You are the best!" writes Reunion Chair **Janet Keys '78** from Birmingham, AL. "We purpled at our 35th and at our class party at the Cabin with our Firepit Crew (led or lead? – think weight of the firewood here) by **Leigh Lambert Goff** (Captain), **Mary Dunn Griffin**, **Connie Newman Allen**, and **Julie St. John Thornton**. Seeing **Casey Thurman '65** and the White House Wesleyannes from our class was a wonderful surprise, as was seeing **Mrs. Larmore '28** attend her 85th reunion at 106. She is my inspiration and is welcome to become a PK." Janet is a retired graduate level college professor (communication and theatre); former director of debate at Samford Univ; former assistant director of forensics/ individual events/Speech team at the UAL, Birmingham. She was the *FIRST* person to earn a M.A. degree solely in lighting design from USC.

Janet Ort '78 has taught at Hoover High school in Birmingham, AL, for 16 years. "I teach advanced environmental classes and coordinate some research on campus. My award winning research team and I are headed to the Peruvian Amazon to teach field techniques to rural students. This is the area I was working with prior to



Class of 1983 (30th reunion)

Row 1: Kim Barksdale Tyson, Peggy Jones Hall, Judith Lane Brown

Row 2: Cyndi Bell-Lee, Ginger Caldwell Musser, Ellen Futral Hanson, Wadra Garner McCullough

teaching secondary environmental sciences. I also sing professionally with the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir as a soloist both in the US and Europe (35 years). So many things that I explored at Wesleyan are integral parts of my life each day." Janet also sang at reunion with the "White House Wesleyannes" at the Celebration Concert held during Alumnae Weekend.

Proud mother **Laura "Beth" Perdue '78** of Laurel, MD, shares that her daughter, Christine, graduated from Richmond University in London in May 2012. Her son, Patrick, is enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Nadine Cheek '79, chair of the department of music at Wesleyan and past president of the 1977-78 Wesleyannes, coordinated plans for a mini-reunion of the "White House Wesleyannes" along with **Casey Thurman '65**, who directed the group. Singing together for the first time in 35 years during the Celebration Concert at Alumnae Weekend, the group wowed the audience with their beautiful voices and ensemble singing. All agreed it was quite an emotional ride for this special musical group to perform together again. Attending the reunion were: **Emma Mills Bledsoe '77**; **Carol Bell, Jeanne Crosby Freeman, Laura Shippey Gafnea, Janet Ort, and Judy Day Powell '78**; **Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80**; and **Debbie Howington**

Carraway '78 (accompanist) who all related to Nadine's rendition of *Georgia on My Mind* at the concert.

1980s

Deena Harrell Cherry CFCM '80 lives in Warner Robins, GA. "I am a senior contracting officer at the DoD United States Air Force – celebrating my 25th year! My son, Hank, is a freshman in college."

Dr. Valerie Cowart '80 of Nashua, NH, says she stays in touch with **Angela Fetzer Arthur '79**. "We enjoy reminiscing about great times as Wesleyannes and our plans for future glory!"

From Oakton, VA, **Jan Lawrence '80** writes of a busy year! In May, she switched jobs and is now the deputy program manager for a joint DOD VA program for Harris Healthcare Solutions that will allow electronic sharing of medical information between DOD and VA medical communities. With her new job, she visits Florida every other month or so and her home there. She also completed a Wesley Seminary class taught by Jim Wallis of Sojourners, Ron Sider, and Tony Campolo. Jan is active in the LGBT Advocacy ministry at Foundry UMC, helping to chart a path to a more inclusive church.

Lindi Lemasters Lewis '80 of Oakton, VA, writes of her new job with Harris Healthcare Solutions as a graphic designer. She also freelances for a company in Melbourne, FL,

(working on the Space Coast Area Transit account) and takes courses at Boston University Center for Digital Imaging Arts in Georgetown, keeping her up-to-date on the latest graphic and web skills. Before taking the Harris job, Lindi spent a year working in the Framing Dept. at Michaels (while freelancing). Although she broke both of her wrists at the end of last year at this job, she has a new respect for anyone working retail!

Donna Woods '81 has completed the renovation of her house in Berryville, AR. This "arts & crafts" bungalow was built in 1920 as the parsonage for the First Baptist Church.

▲ 1983 (30th Reunion)

Golden Heart reunion Co-chairs **Wadra Garner McCullough** and **Cyndi Bell-Lee** welcomed classmates back to Wesleyan with sisterhood on their minds. Class members partied at Sticky Fingers, gave a "shout out" to 30 years of "golden" memories at the Annual Meeting, and were proud of **Ellen Futral Hanson's** performance at the Celebration Concert held during Alumnae Weekend.

"We are finally living together, full-time in Monroe, GA" says a grateful **Cynthia "Cyndi" Bell-Lee '83**. Having retired from the DOD civil service, her husband, Albert Lee, has sold his house near Ft. Stewart. The couple looked forward

to relocating to Eagle River, AK, in June.

Peggy Jones Hall '83 of Indialantic, FL, has been working as a realtor for several years after a career as a chemist. "I'm an active volunteer with the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, where I serve on the executive board. So glad to visit with everyone at reunion!"

Ellen Futral Hanson '83 lives in Macon and teaches voice and related classes at Wesleyan. She and Jeff recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Brooks (16) and Wesley (13). "We are active at Martha Bowman UMC where I direct the Chancel Choir," writes Ellen.

Irene Shovelski Huston '83 has moved to Ashburn, VA, to take a job with Harris Teeter. "Terry and I moved with Tami, our daughter, and then had to get her back to Atlanta where she is a rising junior at Agnes Scott College. We'll be visiting Georgia a lot over the next few years as her older brothers, sister-in-laws, and the grandkids are all there."

Beth Koon '83 of Winter Haven, FL, is a busy lady. "Dr. Jean Watson, founder of the Watson Caring Science Institute, granted permission for me to spread Caring Science from Nursing to professional Social Work." In October Beth was asked to present this "globalization" of Caring Theory to the International

Class of 1988 (25th reunion)

Row 1: Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne, Ana Fernandez, Beth Herndon, Terri Henry Parker **Row 2:** Rosalind "Roz" Evans Weiss, Lorie Patterson Lanier, Kathy Lawrence Spada, Margaret Baldwin Ligon, Maricka "Ricky" Rogers-Randall, Amanda Blakey Jacobsen **Row 3:** Susan DeBay, Cecilia Underwood Kovacs, Jody Bethea Riggs



Caritas Consortium in Atlantic City, where her presentation was greeted with a standing ovation by several hundred healthcare professionals from around the world! Beth's Caritas work continues with presentations in Tampa, Jacksonville, and Orlando this year. Beth has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**. "It's an honor to be the first psychotherapist to earn the Caritas Coach credential and to spread Caring Theory throughout U.S. healthcare!"

Wadra Garner McCullough '83 is currently chief nursing officer at Spalding Regional Hospital in Griffin, GA.

Sue Shows Morren '83 has relocated. "In June, 2011, I moved back to my birthplace of Pensacola, FL, where I am very involved in the music and divorce care ministry at First Baptist Church. I currently teach chorus and reading at Gulf Breeze High School. I am the proud mother of one beautiful daughter and son-in-law who live in the Atlanta area."

Rhonda Kay Davis '84 of Douglasville, GA, is excited to be sharing her classroom ideas in a series of books she has co-authored with some of her colleagues. The *Outstanding Math Guides* have provided help to hundreds of CC math teachers during the past year.

Georgia has a new National History Day Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to **Susan Cole**

Mullis '86 of St. Simons, GA, who received the Patricia Behring Outstanding Educator Award for service to National History Day from the Georgia Humanities Council. She teaches at Frederica Academy and has had students excel in National History Day for five years. Susan earned a J.D. degree from UGA and practiced law before going into the classroom. She will represent the state of Georgia for the national award.

Sharon Ashford Grant '87 of Mansfield, TX, received her master's degree in theological studies from Dallas Baptist University in May 2012. She was inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, a National Honor Society for Religion and Theological Studies, and is author of *The Purpose for the Pain: Giving Up is Not an Option* (published by Destiny Image Publishing). Sharon works as an evangelist and speaker at conferences, retreats, and church services.

▲ **1988** (25th Reunion)
Celebrating 25 years of sisterhood was easy for GKs who answered the call from Reunion Chair **Margaret Baldwin Ligon** to meet at Wesleyan for a weekend of "silver anniversary memories." GKs had plenty of time to "catch up" at their class party held at Buca di Beppo restaurant. Wearing silver tiaras, green gloves,

and leis to the Annual Meeting, Green Knight pride took center stage when classmates cheered for one of their own – Alumnae Award recipient **Jody Bethea Riggs**.

Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne '88 has been happily married to Eddie Cawthorne since 1995 and is the mother of Win (13) and Mary Elizabeth (11). "I work as a program coordinator for the local mental health clinic in Columbus, GA, where I continue to use my degrees earned at Wesleyan and graduate school. I am active in my church, Wynnton United Methodist Church, leading a running group that helps people of all ages and physical fitness levels stay active and run a 5K race. I enjoy 'joyful running' and tennis," writes Kecia.

Susan DeBay '88 is busy, busy, in Tucker, GA! She is mother of three, Max (13), Jake (11), and Isabelle (8 - who will be a PK Class of 2026!). "During the day, I chase 31 fourth graders as I attempt to guide them to love learning. In my spare time I sing in my church choir, make jewelry (if you need anything, please ask!), and I write (check out my blog—happymonkeyland.wordpress.com)."

Linda Gay Eubanks '88 and husband Phil of Warner Robins, GA, have experienced great joy and great sadness in 2012 as she reports: "Birth of first grandchild for Phil and Linda, Jeffrey Michael Eubanks on 5/11/12. And sadly, death of

grandson, Jeffrey Michael Eubanks, on 9/4/12 (about 4 months old) from SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)."

Lorie Patterson Lanier '88 enjoys life in Marietta. "I work part-time for my husband, Stanton, and our non-profit, Music to Light the World. My free time is taken up volunteering as treasurer for our neighborhood swim and tennis club and the high school band booster club. Our family loves to travel and spend time outdoors."

Margaret Baldwin Ligon '88 and Tim live in Madison, GA. They have three children: Mary Baldwin (15), Sarah Grey (13), and Kitty (13).

Terri Henry Parker '88, husband Ken and three daughters, Morgan and Taylor (both 20), Hannah (12), and their black lab mix dog, Bella, live in Tampa, FL. Terri practices civil litigation and does pro bono work as a Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney Ad Litem for children in the county's dependency and delinquency system.

Kathy Lawrence Spada '88 stays busy in Fort Lauderdale, FL, keeping up with her three children—Sabrina (17), Samantha (13), and Paul (11).

Besides serving as director of marketing and development at Brevard Achievement Center in Rockledge, FL, **Rosalind Evans Weiss '88** is also president of the Space Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.



Class of 1993 (20th reunion)

Row 1: Jennifer Monjeau Sweat, Cindy Migeot Schumann, Barbara Summers Blevins, Eileen Gray Booth, Cheryl Kirk Westmoreland **Row 2:** Lanai DeVos, Daphne Nobles Markham, Emily Adams Mowery, Alison Charney Hussey, Heidi Hacia Suydam **Row 3:** Paige Getty, Melissa Bell, Ruth Powell Storts, Jill Kosobucki Moore, Lisa Theiling Stamey, Melanie Filson Lewis

1990s

"Brad and I have been blessed with our 5th child. Josiah Levi was born Dec. 10, 2012. He is much loved by all," reports **Tonya Brown Wilson '90** of Monroe, GA. Tonya also enjoys homeschooling her children. (See *Births*.)

Stephanie Pate Thompson '91 of Perry, GA, was recently named human resources manager for a local chemical manufacturing company. She also was named to the board of directors of both the Georgia Employers Association and the Local Chapter 158 of the Society of Human Resource Management.

▲1993 (20th Reunion)

Pirates anchored at Wesleyan dressed for red success in Pirate hats, eye patches, and matching swords for a weekend of fun, thanks to Reunion Chair **Ruth Powell Storts** and her committee **Emily Adams Mowery, Melanie Filson Lewis, Eileen Gray Booth, and Daphne Nobles Markham**. Planning two class parties (Friday and Saturday) and a Sunday Brunch at J. Christophers, Pirates came to party and to share "the latest" with each other. Hot topics included career news, kids, all things Wesleyan, and "everything else in between."

"I currently work at the University of Georgia as an IT manager at Enterprise Information Technology Services. I manage a group of

Linux Systems Administrators. My partner, Keith Martin, and I have been together for 13 years. We live in Athens with our two indoor cats and a number of outdoor feral cats," emails **Stephanie Ayers '93**.

Melissa Bell '93 lives in Conyers, GA, and married two years ago. "I'm still working with at-risk youth. Want to give a big 'shout out' and congratulations to **Barbara Summers Blevins '93** for being named chief of staff at East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Eileen Gray Booth '93 calls Panama City, FL, home. Her daughter, Emma Grace Booth, was born on February 28, 2012.

"My husband Joseph and I adopted our son Elijah Jesse McKinnon on September 20, 2012. Elijah is a bright blue eyed, strawberry blonde haired, spirited little boy who has had our hearts since he came to live with us at 13 months. He will be 3 in March," writes proud mother **Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97** from Sandersville, GA. (See *Births*.)

Congratulations to **Emily Adams Mowery '93** in Rome, GA, who was selected as STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) Teacher for Floyd County schools for the 2012-2013 school year. Emily teaches AP English language (11th grade), AP English literature (12th grade) and journalism.

She published her *first* cookbook in April 2011, finished her *first*

full novel and is almost ready to publish two other works. In between writing, **Cindy Migeot Schumann '93** spends time enjoying children, extreme crafting, and her loving husband. Cindy is back in Nashville, TN, after a few years in Flagstaff, AZ.

Ruth Powell Storts '93 has moved to Bixby, OK, with husband Brian and their children, Owen (5) and Carter (3). "I'm having fun adjusting to a new home and location. I have worked for TSYS for the last twenty years - now from my home in OK."

Cheryl Kirk Westmoreland '93 and husband John live in Winter Haven, FL. Their daughter, Sydney, is 13.

In April, **Tracy Knight MacDonald '95** was the Fiscal Fitness convocation speaker at Wesleyan. Tracy spoke to students about her career and Wesleyan experience. Tracy works for consulting group Booz Allen Hamilton, teaching counter terrorism financing for the Dept. of Defense Joint Military Intelligence Training Center, and enjoys life in Woodbridge, VA, with her husband, Brad and son Ramsay.

▲1998 (15th Reunion)

PKs #1! is still the mantra of the Class of '98 whose plans to color the world purple continued during Alumnae Weekend. Many thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs **Julie Houston Trieste** and **Erin Dallas** for greeting PKs with welcome home wishes for a can-it really- be-our- 15th reunion?!

Christina Cote Findley '99 and new husband Robby live on the lake in Lincoln, AL. Christina works as the process guru for Reflex Blu in Birmingham where she manages the traffic department, creates workflow process, and keeps advertising and marketing jobs on schedule. "Life is so blessed and wonderful." (See *Marriages*.)

2000s

Lindsay Abernethy '00 of Erie, CO, offers congratulations to **Jessica Salter '00** and Charles Speziale for their marriage on June 23, 2012, in Bristol, RI. Lindsay and **Erin Young '00, Kelly Baete '00, and Amber Velasquez '00**, were delighted to be bridesmaids.

Andrea Morgan Mendez '01 of Covington, GA, was recently promoted to director of the Southern Regional Medical Center Foundation.

"Aloha! Travel nursing is the way to go! This is my 2nd trip as a 'traveler' to Hawaii. My agency has sent me to parts of Florida, Georgia, and California as well. After I leave Hawaii, I'm scheduled to go back to CA again, or possibly VA - wherever they need me. Prior to travel nursing I was in the ER in three different hospitals simultaneously, so being able to travel while working has been a great experience!" reports **Megan Temple '02** who lives in Macon.

Class of 1998 (15th reunion)

Row 1: Lisa Hyman Ackerman, Mandy Satterfield, Melinda Caspers Thompson, Brandy Hayes, Bianca Venuto Towler, Jennifer Pierce Lowe
Row 2: Erin Dallas, Julie Houston Trieste, Alanda Hermann James, Amanda Allen, Kim Benoit-LeBlanc



2003 (10th Reunion)

It was a terrific 10th for the Class of 2003! Sporting golden scarves with GH spirit galore to match, class members paraded into the Annual Meeting ready to celebrate sisterhood. Reunion Co-chairs **Sherrie Randall** and **Tara Hatfield Crooms** coordinated class party plans at Logan's Roadhouse. All agreed that wherever they were in "life after Wesleyan," Golden Hearts are still "winners from the start."

Virginia Dicken, Ph.D. '03 has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* – first graduate from Southern Illinois University to earn a master's degree in public health. Gini earned her Ph.D. in applied psychology from SIU as well. She currently works as a congregation – based community organizer. Gini lives in Evansville, IN. She and fiancé Sarah are busy making wedding plans for November 2, 2013, in Toledo, OH.

Emily Neal Duke '03 of Centerville, OH, received her M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati and works as a financial manager in the Air Force.

Kathy Martin English '03 of Elkhorn, WI, earned her Ed.D. in counseling psychology last April at Argosy University, Sarasota, FL. "My husband and I moved to Wisconsin in November, where I am on faculty for the first time as an adjunct teacher."

Dr. Rachel Garcia '03 of Troy, NY, received her M.D. degree from Ross University and has completed her internal medicine residency training at Albany Medical College. In July 2013, she begins a pulmonary and critical care fellowship in NYC.

Lauren Haney '03 lives in Baltimore, MD, and works at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University as senior special event coordinator. She's excited to plan her wedding in Baltimore this October. Recently, Lauren traveled to Peru through the Amazon.

Jodi Miller Hardee '03 has relocated from the Rocky Mountains of Colorado to the island beaches of Wilmington, NC. She works in destination marketing in coastal NC and recently launched a special "Hollywood East" website for work: www.wilmingtonandbeaches.com/Hollywood-east

Macon residents **Hope McMichael Pendergrass '03** and husband Derrick have a new addition to the family. John-Kyle Corbin Pendergrass was born August 27, 2012. Hope has worked at Mauldin and Jenkins in Macon since 2003 and is a CPA. (See Births.)

Venita Swain Ramirez '03 received her master's degree in public health and works as a public health officer.

Dr. Brittany Wilson '03 is a pediatrician. She received her M.D. degree from Emory School of Medicine.

"I changed my last name from Wells to Graham on May 25, 2012, when I finally married my boyfriend on the 11th anniversary of our first date," writes **Donna Wells Graham '04** of Macon. "You may be wondering why we waited so long. We waited until all of our children were gone to college before saying, 'I do!'" (See Marriages.)

Carolyn Gregory Colyar '05 has a good reason for missing Alumnae Weekend. "I married Christopher Lee Colyar April 20, 2013, in Havana, FL. (See Marriages.)

From her home in Oklahoma City, OK, **Dr. Jessica Prince '05** writes, "I am a psychologist working at a female maximum and medium security prison. My Rottweiler, Isis, is a certified therapy dog and we work with individuals in hospitals to provide care and comfort during the healing process."

Nyasha Guramatunhu-Cooper '06 graduated with a Ph.D. in leadership studies from Gonzaga University in April 2013! The title of her dissertation was *Alternatives to the Single Story: Personal Experiences of Zimbabwe's Liberation Fighters*. "The US Air Force has taken my family to many places. We moved from Warner Robins (GA) to Spokane (WA) to Kaiserslautern, Germany. We enjoy Germany and have traveled to many places in Europe. In 2011 we welcomed our daughter, Sydney Manyara Cooper, who turns 2 this August."

Cathie Loughran '06 lives in beautiful St Augustine, FL, where she works as director of IT Data Services at Flagler College.

Christine Morana '06 lives in Spring Hill, FL, where she works as a substitute teacher. She is also a volleyball coach for a team of 10 young girls (ages 14 and under) and looks forward to the new season (Nov – March) and having the team compete in Orlando and Ocala. In August 2012, Christine spent the final night of a 20-day solo road trip on the lawn at Wesleyan, enjoying the soulful sounds at the Welcome Back Picnic on Porter porch lawn. Christine was met with countless familiar faces and felt right at home. "Thank you, my fellow Wesleyan Pioneers and staff!"

Congratulations to **Anne-Kathrin Witt '07** who graduated from Harvard Business School with an MBA degree in May. Anne-Kathrin will begin her new job with Teva Pharmaceuticals based in Philadelphia, PA in August.

2008 (5th Reunion)

Members of the Class of 2008 were "wearing the green" during Alumnae Weekend – green tee-shirts that is. According to Reunion Committee members **GinaMarie Cody**, **Stephanie Hood**, **Jasmine Jackson**, **Missy Poole**, and **Carla Ruiz-Ney**, GKs came ready to cheer and enjoy a festive 5th! Returning to favorite



Class of 2003 (10th reunion)

Row 1: Sherrie Randall, Tara Hatfield Crooms, Lauren Haney, Namita Mohanty, Virginia Dicken **Row 2:** LaKeisha Lowe, Rachel Garcia, Emily Neal Duke, Nicki Leigh Neufeld, Shennel Reedy **Row 3:** Venita Swain Ramirez, Brittany Wilson, Hope McMichael Pendergrass, Regina Wright McRae, Aliscia Pitts **Row 4:** Asha Smith, Danielle White, Latoya Mercer

haunts El Sombrero and Tic Toc provided classmates with perfect places to party. After many goodbye hugs and see-you-on-facebook promises later, GKs looked forward to the next celebration with their "forever friends."

"I love GKs '08!" shouts out **Buchi Chukwuma '08** all the way from Suwanee, GA.

"Just moved to Indy, and am now working as a veterinarian at Noah's Animal Hospital," writes **Hillary Jarrett '08**.

Shih-Yu Chen '08 lives in Silver Spring, MD, and has recently started working at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in the Washington DC area as a statistician.

"I forgot how much I missed our class! Can't wait until 2018 to do it

all again. **Hillary, Jessica, K., Jonel** - we didn't forget about you!" emails **Vicki Johnson '08** from Atlanta.

On January, 1, 2013, **Lucy Guy '09** of Dublin, GA, moved into her new position as vice president of marketing with Horse Creek Auction Company, Inc. Lucy also serves on the WCAA Board of Managers as vice president of admission.

Jessica Leigh Layne '11 married Robert H. Malone IV at Wesleyan on June 8, 2013, in an outdoor summer wedding with a reception in Oval Hall. Mother-in-law **Nedra Martin Malone '65** created beautiful floral arrangements for the occasion and new sister-in-law **Melissa Malone Constable '91** was on hand from South Carolina to help with plans. Real life little sister, **Meagan '16**,

served as a bridesmaid along with **Jacqueline Clark '12**, and **Katelin Adams '14**. Lindsay Millett was maid of honor. Jessica and Robert live in Macon, where they are both employed by Geico. (See *Marriages*.)

2012 (1st Reunion)

It's a **FIRST** for the Class of 2012 - celebrating their 1st reunion as alumnae and coming home to where sisterhood all began! Kudos to **Tricia Velasco** and **Taylor Bishop** who served as reunion co-chairs and to **Hannah Doan** and Tricia for hosting the class party at their home. Being back on campus surrounded by GK sisters was special and is the reason why Wesleyan is also **FIRST** for friends.

It's puppy love for **Kelsey Campbell '12**, whose new puppy is named Bessie. They are having fun in Marietta, GA.

In Macon, **Alaina Avera Harrison '12** is also enjoying a new puppy.

Chelsea Robinson '12 started a recycling program at the school where she teaches in Anniston, AL. One of her students wants to attend Wesleyan! "I'm excited that my student feels I've inspired her and that she will be attending the 'Oldest and Best' (even though she'll be a Golden Heart)!" emails Chelsea.

In Macon, **Tricia Velasco '12** emails, "We adopted a dog named Trixie!"



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Class of 2008 (5th reunion)

Row 1: Charmin Green, Victoria Johnson, Thuy Vo, Missy Poole

Row 2: Mary Molly Davis, Leane Willis, Wendy Joseph, Stephanie

Hood Row 3: Faith Sumpter, Onyebuchi "Buchi" Chukwuma, Carla Ruiz-Ney, GinaMarie Cody, Adaobi Iheduru



Class of 2012 (1st reunion)

Row 1: Kelly Coquerel, Kelsey Campbell, Taylor Bishop,

Cheyenne Foster, Katie Dunn, Hannah Doan Row 2: Anna

Plue, Alaina Avera Harrison, Alexis Hall, Azea Mustafa, Tricia

Velasco Row 3: Danielle Ross, Susan Middleton, Samantha

"Sam" Lint, Marquita Tatmon, Jacqueline Clark, Chelsea

Robinson

Scholarship for Leadership COLLEEN DEGRAFF, CLASS OF 2015

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association awards a scholarship for leadership to a rising junior who is selected for her outstanding leadership qualities and the good academic standing she has shown during her first two years at the College. This year the recipient is Colleen DeGraff, Class of 2015.

Hailing from Concord, GA, Colleen attended Flint River Academy where she excelled in academics, athletics (basketball and softball), and as a budding leader. Volunteering for a variety of organizations in high school helped her realize her growing passion for helping others and her love for planning and designing events that would benefit those in need.

This same passion for serving others continues at

Wesleyan where, in two short years, Colleen has demonstrated effective skills as a leader both on and off campus. She has taken the initiative to found and lead Wesleyan's Habitat Club, affiliated with Habitat for Humanity. As an Orientation Leader she will serve as the Summer Lead and Head Orientation Leader in 2014. A member of the Golden Heart Class, Colleen shows her class spirit by serving as the public relations and spirit representative for STUNT. In addition, she plays for the Pioneer soccer and softball teams, serves on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and is a Splinter. She is also a WAVE volunteer and Wesleyan Disciple.

Off campus Colleen finds time to serve in the Macon community. She participates in WOW! A Day for Macon, volunteers at Aunt Maggie's



Kitchen Table and at Loaves and Fishes, interns at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, and serves on the Wesleyan Relay for Life Committee. Colleen maintains a superior academic standing and participates in the Honors Program.

"Wesleyan has taught me

the importance of being true, responsible, organized, and self-aware on the track to success," says Colleen. After earning a major in human services, Colleen looks forward to working with children helping them to reach their full potential in all areas of life.



THE FIRE REDUCES OLD WESLEYAN BUILDING TO DUST AND ASHES

(Reprint from Wesleyan Alumnae Magazine, May 1963)

A raging fire consumed the Old Wesleyan buildings on College Street in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 24, bringing to a dramatic and final end the beloved and historic structures.

The bronze bell, which for many years summoned students to study and to worship toppled in its blazing tower, melted into oblivion; Pierce Chapel was reduced to a phalanx of concrete steps with twisted metal banisters.

Its origin is unknown, the fire ravaged walls already partially dismantled by wreckers who were clearing the site for Macon's new three million dollar Post Office, planned to resemble the original building. In spite of a hard blowing rain, the blaze leapt hundreds of feet, leapt across the street to decimate two apartment buildings, creating a veritable river of fire down College Street.

The entire fire-fighting forces of Macon and surrounding towns raced to the scene of devastation. Their heroic efforts managed to constrain the holocaust, without loss of life or serious injury. Thirty families escaping in their night clothes, lost their homes and all their possessions. Hundreds of people

converged on the place; others stood at their windows weeping as raging red poured from the windowless black Comer building silhouetted against the sky.

An electric reaction spread over the city. As the news went on air, long distance calls began pouring in, *Old Wesleyan was burning to the ground!*

Alumnae all over the world will be relieved to know that furnishings from the Adelphian and Philomathean memorial rooms had been removed and are on loan from the college to the U. D. C. Historic House on Mulberry Street; all portraits, plaques, furniture, and other historical treasures had been carefully transferred to Wesleyan College, Rivoli, and are adding significance and beauty to her stately Georgian buildings. In Tate Hall, portraits of former presidents and benefactors are permanently placed; the portrait of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek (Mei Ling Soong, 1916) and the framed embroideries representing the Four Seasons which she presented to the college hang in the president's office.

Dr. Spencer King, historian, who watched the fire from his window, wrote in the Macon Telegraph: "It seemed that a mighty flame as large as the city

itself were rolling toward us. As I stood fascinated, with my gaze fixed on the red skyline, I saw the dignified Old Lady reflected there in all her majesty.

"Old Wesleyan is gone! She was the personification of beauty, dignity, wisdom, intellect, grace, love. Those who wanted so earnestly to keep the Old Lady as a symbol wanted the tangible reminder of all these traits for which she stood, of course, but more than that they wanted to hold on to those virtues. With her passing the values of what she stood for must not pass.

"Old Wesleyan lay on her bier Sunday morning, burned clean and pure as the great fire could make her. She died in dignity and honor, the personification of Christian virtues..."

Alumnae will join their voices with new meaning and emotion as they sing the beloved Alma Mater:

"A star in the dark is thy glorious past,
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Freda Kaplan Nadler '26
Editor, Wesleyan Magazine 1964-80

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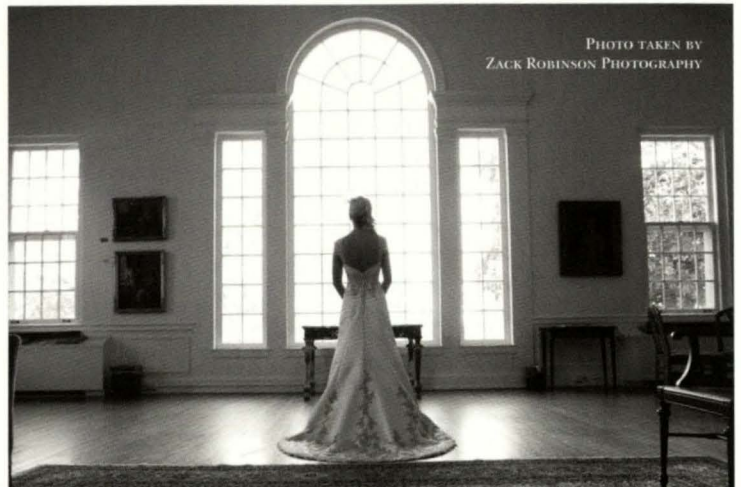


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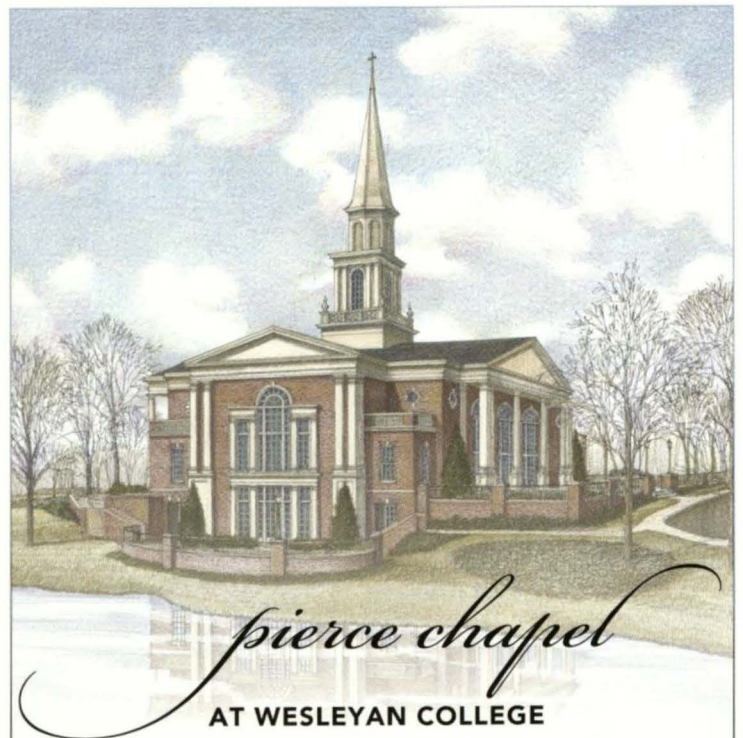
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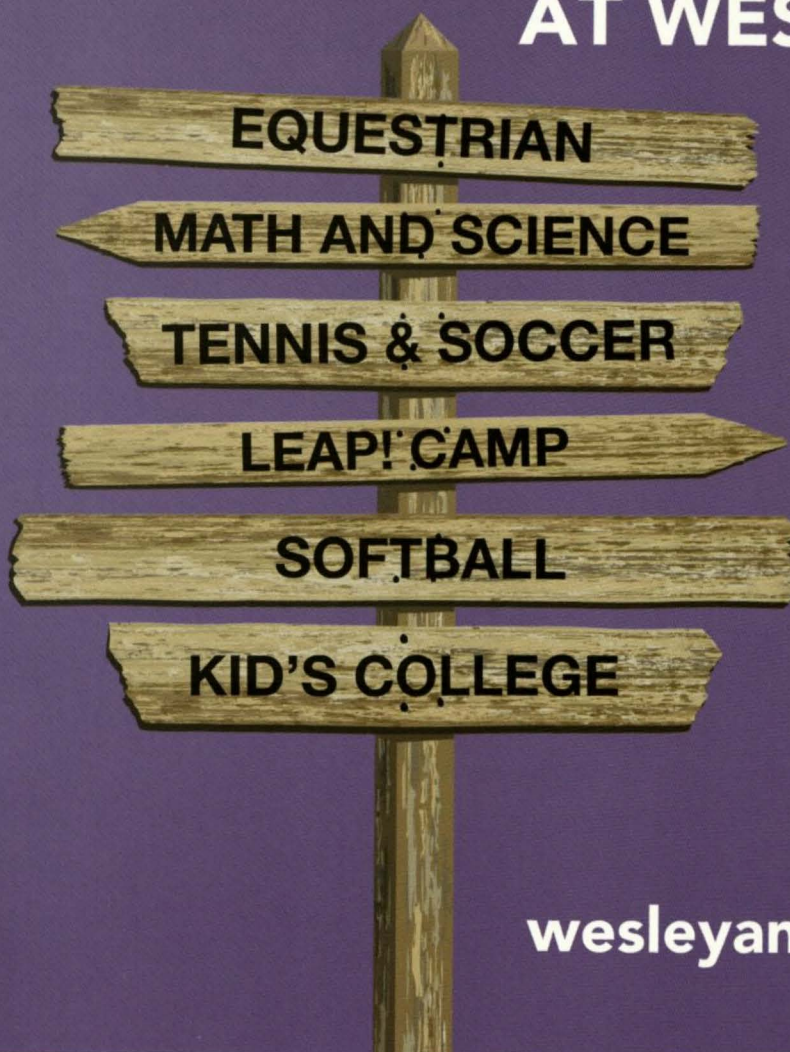
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